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Mideast violence strikes chord with students on campus

Student responds to Islamic Society's anti-Israeli propaganda

By Raegan Randolph
Managing Editor

The recent increase in Mideast violence between Israelis and Palestinians has some Middlebury College students in a clash of their own.

Flyers posted on campus Thursday, Oct. 12 by the Islamic Society calling for an end to Israeli attacks on Palestinians were removed later in the day by student Katya Levitan '02, who found the posters offensive. That evening Levitan posted her own flyers questioning the Islamic Society's message and accusing the organization of providing one-sided and false information about the Middle East conflict.

Because of the mid-term recess, the two parties have not yet met to discuss the disagreement, but leaders of the Islamic Society plan to bring it to the attention of the administration today in a meeting with Doug Adams, the director of the Center for Campus Activities and Leadership.

Leaders of the Islamic Society called the removal of the posters by Levitan a violation of their right to free speech and said the language on Levitan's posters were defamatory to their organization. They said they believed all information on their posters to be factually correct when they posted them.

An Islamic Society member, who wished to remain unidentified, said he was harassed by Levitan while eating lunch in the Chateau Dining Hall Thursday afternoon after she discovered the group's posters in Coffrin and the Chateau. Levitan said she approached the member but did not describe their exchange as hostile. Levitan said she told the member that she would continue to take down the Islamic Society's posters if they kept appearing on campus. The member said that when he advised her not to remove the posters she threatened to take legal action.

In an interview yesterday, Levitan stood by her actions of last Thursday. "I took down the posters because I found them very, very offensive to me personally. They did not show the entire truth. I feel that if someone wants to open a conversation they should do it in a civilized manner, and [the Islamic Society's posters] is not a way to do it," she said.

With the mid-term break this past weekend, the Islamic Society and Levitan have not yet had the opportunity to discuss their disagreement, however, through a series of voice-mail messages each has expressed a willingness to mediate the issue. The leaders of the Islamic Society plan to discuss the issue of freedom of speech in relation to these events in a meeting with Adams today.

The source of conflict

The Islamic Society's posters came as a response to the eruption of violence in Jerusalem between Israeli troops and Palestinian demonstrators after an Israeli opposition politician's visit to a disputed holy site on Sept. 28. After Likud Party leader Ariel Sharon left the site, Palestinians began throwing stones in protest as Israeli soldiers fired tear gas and rubber bullets into the crowd. Other clashes erupted in West Bank town and Ramallah.

The confrontation marked the first substantial increase in violence in the region since an unofficial agreement to work toward peace was made by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak at the Camp David peace conference with President Bill Clinton in July.

On Oct. 7 the United Nations Security Council condemned the acts of violence occurring between the two groups, but the violence contin-

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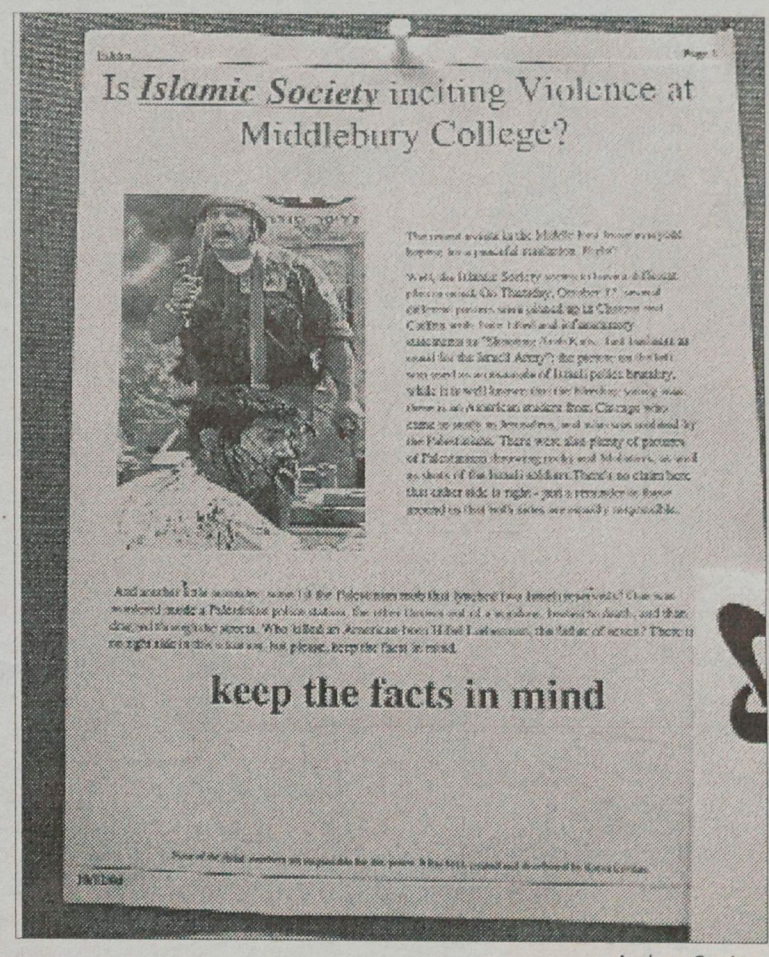

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Junior Katya Levitan's poster, above, calls for a more balanced view of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict than that given by the Islamic Society last week.

Family and friends mourn death of Daniel Stark

By Nicole Miller
Editor-in-Chief

Daniel Stark '01 lost his battle with cancer on Sunday and died in his home in Houston, Texas. Stark, who was a member of Omega Alpha, lived in the Spanish House during his sophomore year and was also a founding member of the Texas Club.

Stark discovered he had cancer in his first month of studying abroad in Argentina during the fall of 1999.

Argentine doctors located a malignant tumor in his knee and immediately sent him home for treatment.

While at home in Houston, Stark kept in close contact with many members of the Middlebury community, and had hoped to return to campus and take classes this fall.

Friends and acquaintances said they would remember Stark for his wonderful sense of humor.

According to a letter sent out by President McCardell to the College, Stark was known "as a wonderful young man, who never gave up fighting the disease that finally claimed his life."

Many students and faulty members attended a funeral service at 2:30 p.m. yesterday at the Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue in Houston, Texas.

College Chaplain Laurie Jordan and Elizabeth Burns, CRA from Atwater Commons accompanied Stark's friends and represented the College at the service.

Stark's friends at Omega Alpha followed a traditional Jewish ritual by "sitting-in" at the Omega Alpha house for a day and a half.

Arrangements have not yet been made for a memorial service at the College, but information will be made available once planning has been completed.

If anyone would like to get in touch with Mr. or Mrs. George Stark, they can be contacted at 617 Olympia Blvd. Houston, Texas 77019.

Chinese department, College remember Chiang

Eric Skovsted

Anna Ostenso '03 signs her Chinese name to a memorial tablet for Gregory Kuei-ke Chiang. The tablet will appear in the memorial service to be held for the Chinese professor on Thursday morning in Mead Chapel.

By Tim McCahill
News Editor

Gregory Kuei-ke Chiang, lecturer in the Chinese department, passed away early Sunday morning at Fletcher Allen Hospital in Burlington after complications stemming from heart surgery performed last March. By his side at the time of Chiang's passing were his widow, Angela Yingyu Zhang and Clara Yu, director of the Center for Educational Technology in downtown Middlebury. Professor Chiang was in his mid-sixties.

Chiang began teaching in the Chinese department in 1976 after receiving his Master of Arts degree from the University of Vermont. After graduating from the National University of Taiwan in 1967, Professor Chiang was senior instructor and instructional director at the Stanford Inter-university Program in Taipei.

A prolific writer of short stories, Chiang also translated many

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Bread Loaf evolves out of longtime questionable reputation

By Tim McCahill
News Editor

A Maryland newspaper highlighted the controversial past of the Bread Loaf College of Writing in an article published Oct. 3. The article, entitled "Bread poets society," appeared in the Arts section of the *Baltimore Sun*.

Founded by the College in 1926, the history of Bread Loaf is a controversial one, according to the article in the *Sun*, written by Middlebury graduate Susan Shapiro.

The institution – famous internationally for its seminars on writing and literature – was until 1995 recognized largely for its uncer-emonious reputation as a place of alcohol abuse and debauchery. Bloody Marys were served at lunch; charges of sexual harassment were rampant and many young attendees of the annual session left Ripton, the small town where Bread Loaf is located, incensed and angered.

As a result, applications to the once-prestigious program dropped drastically; only now have they started going back up.

According to the *Sun*, part of the responsibility for Bread Loaf's tarnished reputation falls upon the poor stewardship of Bread Loaf's former director Robert Pack, a poet and instructor at the College.

The article stated that Pack's tenure as director saw little change in the traditions that had become the source of much controversy for the writing school; the dynamics of the program stagnated and Bread Loaf quickly became mired in its own bad habits.

The article celebrated the changes that have occurred in the program since the arrival of its new director, Michael Collier, in 1995. Collier, who is from the Baltimore area and first attended the conference in 1981, serving later as assistant to Pack in 1992, has made diversity one of the key focuses of his work at Bread Loaf.

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Since 1995 Bread Loaf has played host to many writers of color, including most recently the Pulitzer Prize-winning author Yusef Komunyakaa, the *Sun* reported. Collier has also increased the number of daily workshops twofold, and has made it policy not to invite faculty members back for second sessions at Bread Loaf.

Shapiro's article also mentioned the response to Collier's administrative re-hauling of the writers' program, which she said has been quite positive in large part.

Numerous attendees have sung Collier's praises since his arrival, and on the last day of this year's gathering "everyone ... [gave] him a standing ovation."

Phil Benoit, director of external affairs for the College, said that the *Sun* article was a "good story" overall and treated Collier's tenure there in a balanced manner.

As to some of the controversies mentioned in Shapiro's article, Benoit said that "my sense is that it was a series of smaller things" and didn't know if "there was a loud outcry" over some of the incidents Shapiro highlighted.

"Michael [Collier's] focus is that Bread Loaf is a program with a lot to offer," Benoit went on to say. "He came in feeling that he did not have to lay down the hard and fast law" among some of the more established attendees of the writers' conference.

The external affairs office sent out press releases to a number of different media organizations for Bread Loaf's seventy-fifth anniversary this summer. *Baltimore Sun* reporter Shapiro was one of the journalists that responded.

Andrew Corrigan

A visiting lecturer speaks on the dynamics of the creative process at a session at Bread Loaf this summer. Admissions to the writing program have increased since the new director, Michael Collier began his tenure in 1995.

Panther hockey players recuperating after crash

By Lindsay Frost
News Editor

Middlebury students Kevin Cooper '04, Woo Young "Will" Chang '04 and Milan Sloboda '03 were involved in a plane crash one mile south of the Burlington International Airport onThursday, Oct. 12. The three men, all hockey players, were being flown in a small plane by Cooper's father, Grey Cooper, Sr. to their homes near Toronto for Mid-term recess. None of the five passengers, including Cooper's brother Grey Cooper, Jr., were seriously injured in the crash.

According to Burlington airport director J.J. Hamilton quoted in an article in last week's *Burlington Free Press*, Cooper, Sr., who has 30 years experience as a pilot, radioed to the airport that he was having trouble with the plane's left engine.

The small Piper Aerostar then crash landed into a field near Kimball Avenue at approximately 9:30 a.m.

The three students and Cooper, Jr. were taken to Fletcher Allen Health Care where they were treated and released later that day. Cooper, Sr. was admitted to the hospital and was flown back to Toronto on Saturday.

The three students returned to campus Thursday afternoon, where they met Ross Commons Dean Maria Trumpler.

"They were definitely shaken up because without the father's skill in piloting the plane into a safe crash landing, it could have been much worse," said Trumpler.

The three young men spent Thursday night on campus and then drove to Canada on Friday.

According to Trumpler, Cooper, Sr. has returned home from the hospital with a back injury. After wearing a brace, he can expect a full recovery, she said.

College hockey coach Bill Beaney said, "I'm just, as we all are, so pleased that nobody got hurt. [They're] great people, and we're just counting our blessings."

The Federal Aviation Administration is currently investigating the crash.

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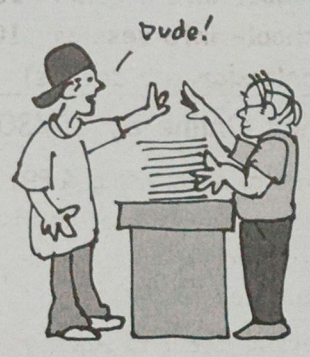

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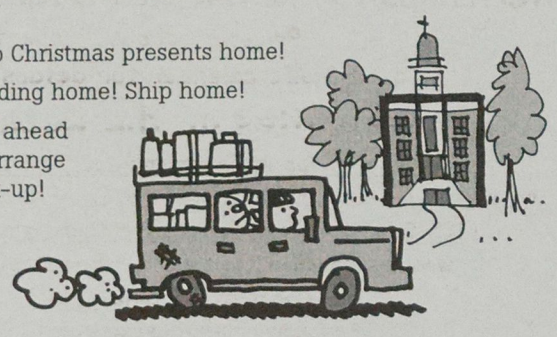

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SGA Briefs

By Lindsay Frost
News Editor

Students are invited to have lunch with the College trustees during their visit to campus on Friday, Oct. 20. There will be six students and two trustees per table and spaces will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested students should contact Phill Wood-Smith '01 at woodsmit@middlebury.edu by noon on Thursday, Oct. 19.

There was no SGA senate meeting this Sunday due to October break.

Community Council Notes

On Monday, Oct. 16, the Community Council passed a proposal stating that all individuals registering parties on campus must complete a Training for Intervention Procedures (TIPS) training course. The three-hour long course trains students in handling situations and interventions involving alcohol at events. The training will be required effective as of February 2001 and certification will last three years. The TIPS program is used at several other colleges and universities similar to Middlebury.

The council also discussed allowing students who had purchased mini satellite dishes before they were banned by the Residential Life Committee last year to keep their dishes. The proposal to grandfather in the previously purchased dishes was tabled and a vote will be taken at next week's meeting.

Heat is on in last presidential debate

Presidential candidates George W. Bush and Al Gore politely discussed issues ranging from foreign policy to pertinent domestic issues on Wednesday, Oct. 11 during the second of three debates. Held at Wake Forest University and moderated by Jim Lehrer of PBS, both candidates seemed to have fine-tuned their debating style to better suit public opinion, although critics agree that Gore may have gone too far.

The 2000 Election

An analysis of student views and perceptions

By Claire Bourne
Features Editor

ABC News correspondent Carter Yang commented, "Bush appeared well-versed... avoiding the kind of gaffes that have plagued him....And Gore studiously avoided the condescending tone and aggressive manner he exhibited in [the first] debate."

"Bush and Gore dropped the sighs and one-line zingers that characterized their first debate... and focused on the issues," reported CNN's Mike Ferullo.

The first half of the debate was devoted to foreign policy issues. The exchange was "so cordial that Bush joked it seemed like a 'love fest,'" said Carter.

Stumbling in the past over questions concerning military involvement overseas, Bush self-assuredly responded to questions on international policy. Retired General Colin Powell told CNN that "[Gov. Bush] showed his knowledge of these foreign policy issues... he had command of the facts, he had command of the regions."

While supporting much of President Clinton's foreign policy, he criticized the current administration for overdeploying troops overseas and remarked, "I'm going to be judicious as to how to use the military."

Secretary of the College, Eric Davis commented, "Bush was confident and knowledgeable in the second debate. He used the [table] format well. He didn't fall back in any way and may even have built on what I think was good performance in first debate."

Gore calmly retaliated by defending the need for "nation-building." "Like it or not... the United States is now the leader of the free world," he said. "Just because we cannot be involved everywhere... [it] doesn't mean that we should shy away from going anywhere."

Responding to the crisis in the Middle East, Gore and Bush both demonstrated strong support for Israel by calling upon Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to contain his campaign of violence in the region.

The second half of the debate focused on domestic topics such as education, gun, laws, the environment and health care.

William Southworth, debate coach at the University of Redlands, remarked to Associated Press correspondent Mike Feinsilber, "If you come away and looking for one thing to remember [in the debate], you'll remember that Texas is 50th in health care."

Gore's "most critical words of the night," according to Carter, were his "scathing criticism[s] of the Texas governor's record." Not only did Gore stress the fact that Texas ranks

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Rained Out In Ross

Maura Whang

Taking refuge under an umbrella, *a private Carhartt clad construction worker tries to dry out during Monday's downpour.*

Middlebury donations help daycare

By Becky Ruby
Staff Writer

Middlebury College made a large donation this year to the Addison County United Way in order to secure more infant and toddler childcare in the community.

"We have a critical need for infant and toddler slots in Addison County," said Mary Ellen Mendl, executive director of the Addison County United Way. "The new center will be greatly appreciated."

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> **—Mary Ellen Mendl, executive director of Addison County United Way**

The plan calls for a new childcare center to be erected at 228 College Street, a house currently owned by the College. This venture will add 25 additional infant and toddler care slots to Addison county, 16 of which will be reserved for Middlebury College employees, the College said in a press release.

"The college wanted to attract new faculty, but child care was an issue," said Mendl. "The college could not do this themselves, because they are not in the child care business."

The plan will also help members of the community who are affected by the shortage in child care, which is a concern the College shares with the community, said Phil Benoit, Middlebury College Director of Public Affairs in the External Affairs office.

In the first year of the program, the College's contribution will exceed $600,000, including the renovation of the College owned house, the press release stated. The College has made a five-year commitment to the program, after which it may choose to extend its commitment, stated the press release.

"I have checked it out, and there are no other for-profit organizations [such as the College] that have made such a long term commitment in Chittenden or Addison counties," said Mendl. "This is a unique and innovative process."

The College, in conjunction with local day care providers, United Way, and the Vermont Community Foundation, said in a press release that this initiative can be used as an example for other for-profit organizations looking to address the issue of childcare through employer-foundation-provider cooperation.

The advisory board of the childcare venture includes persons from some of the community's largest employers, such as the National Bank of Middlebury, said Mendl. "We are hoping that other businesses will be able to do the same kind of cooperative arrangements in the future," she said.

College President, John McCardell, Jr., said in a college press release that the program favored no particular type of childcare, nor did it attempt to put the new center in competition with existing daycare centers in the area.

"This is really about cooperation," said Mendl. "There are five non-profits and the College all coming together to meet the needs of the community. The United Way of Addison County is very pleased to a part of this process," she said.

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COLLEGE shorts

By Tim McCahill
News Editor

Article about faculty-student affair riles College of William and Mary

A short story written by a William and Mary creative writing instructor published in the magazine *Gentleman's Quarterly* describing the affair of a professor with a student has drawn sharp criticism from that school's faculty and administration. While the author, Sam Kishner, maintains the story as true, his colleagues at the school decry it as false. College policy stipulates that faculty-student relationships are not permissible, and are investigating Kashner's claims of falling charm to numerous "seductive students." Kashner stopped teaching last spring to devote his full time to writing; no legal action has been taken by either William and Mary or the former professor.

Colleges face an array of ballot measures

An array of tax measures to be voted on in Oregon state elections will have a direct impact on funding for state universities. Oregon is the only state in the Union to vote on such a large number – totalling 26 – ballot initiatives. One measure being watched keenly by state university administrators will tie state spending to total personal income, limiting state spending by approximately 15 percent; another measure under close scrutiny would forbid colleges from "promoting" homosexuality or homosexual lifestyles on their campuses.

Congress approves bill to identify sex offenders on campuses

Congress gave final approval last week to a bill that would allow students to learn the identities of convicted sex offenders working or studying in their universities. This bill is part of a broader initiative that would allow some $50 million dollars in grants to colleges to help American universities limit the number of violent crimes committed on campus. College lobbyists on Capitol Hill applauded the sex-offender bill, which had been revised in 1998. It is planned to go into effect in 2002.

Future of religious colleges is bright, say scholars and officials

Administrators from religious universities across the country that met at Harvard in early October have great confidence in the future development of denominational universities. The various administrators, representing a broad range of different Christian faiths, also expressed concern in the fact that many universities are hiring faculty interested in doing advanced scientific research that might conflict with the religious beliefs that the respective college espouses.

Colleges criticize conditions in factories that produce clothing with their logos

A report sponsored by Harvard and including five state universities has described the poor working conditions under which college apparel is manufactured. The report, which highlighted a number of contracted garment factories, found consistent abuse of workers' rights induding discrimination against women and limiting the right for workers to organize collectively.

Source: *The Chronicle of Higher Education*

Bush, Gore run gamut in final face-off

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49th in the country regarding health care for women and children, but he also accused the Republican candidate of blocking the passing of state hate crime laws. In response, Bush claimed that he wasn't "a hard-hearted person."

Though flailing jibes have been tossed back and forth during the course of this campaign – Bush supporters calling Gore a "serial exaggerator" while Gore supporters accuse the governor of "bumbling" and being "incoherent" – "the two rivals mostly aimed their criticisms at each other's proposals in [Wednesday night's] 90-minute forum."

Statistics compiled following the debate consistently show Bush as the "winner." An ABCNEWS snap poll conducted directly following the second debate indicated that 46 percent of those polled considered Bush the winner to just 30 percent for Gore. A CNN/*USA Today*/GALLUP poll revealed that 49 percent thought Bush did a better job in the debate while 36 percent supported Gore.

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> **—Bill Press, CNN political analyst**

"Whatever happened to Al the Barbarian?" asked CNN political analyst Bill Press. "He was so damned nice, he ended up drowning in his own honey."

Gore tucked away the obnoxious attitude he conveyed in the first debate when he "sighed, snorted, rolled his eyes, interrupted and generally broke the rules," according to CNN election analyst Robert Novak. Novak likened him to "home-run king Mark McGwire stepping up to the plate without a bat."

Gore reverted back to a "stiff and wooden" character, a move that, according to Davis, may have hurt his image in the eyes of the public.

Gore even apologized for several inaccurate claims he had made the previous week during the first debate. "I got some of the details wrong last week in some of the examples I used," he said. "And I'm sorry about that – and I'm going to try to do better."

"The first debate was a lot of arguing while the second was a lot of agreement, which unfortunately, made Gore look really bad," stated Halli Miller '04.

An articulate Bush and a subdued Gore certainly demonstrated the unpredictability of the political world. Going into last night's "town meeting" third debate in St. Louis, Bush had a slight edge over Gore. Critics were overwhelmingly convinced that Gore needed to put on his game face and grab any chance he could get to "poke holes in Bush's record," as Press put it.

"Momentum of the campaign is now with Bush," said Davis. "The pressure is on Gore in [the third] debate." He said he thought the candidates would not be speaking to the entire body of voters, but rather to undecided voters in a small number of key states, such as Pennsylvania, Florida and Michigan. Fortunately, however, the last debate was not the end of the campaign.

Unlike previous presidential elections, the candidates still have three weeks to swing those crucial votes.

In the third and final debate, held on Tuesday evening in Saint Louis, Bush and Gore covered health care, education and the military.

Asked if they would support a national health plan, Gore said he would be willing to work in incremental stages towards implementing such a program; Bush responded flatly by saying he would lend support to no such thing, referring to the failed 1993 health care reforms of the Clinton administration.

The two candidates debated at length on voucher programs for students wishing to attend private schools. Gore dislikes such a program, but Bush said he was interested in a voucher program operated on a local state level.

Recent events in the Middle East brought questions on the quality of leadership during times of crisis.

Bush supported Clinton's actions thus far and commented on his own leadership abilities; Gore spoke of his own role in helping the administration bring about negotiations, taking two days off from the campaign trail to discuss the possibility of peace talks.

Islamic Society claims free speech violated

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ued, escalating to the brink of war Oct. 12 when a Palestinian mob brutally attacked and killed two Israeli reserve soldiers.

In an emergency peace summit in Egypt on Monday Israeli and Palestinian leaders agreed to a renewed commitment to establishing long-term peace agreements. Barak conceded to the pulling back of Israeli troops to their original positions prior to the recent escalations in conflict and both sides agreed to the formulation of a United States fact-finding committee to assess responsibilities for last week's atrocities.

The Middlebury reaction

The Islamic Society's posters showed a reaction to the conflicts of the past few weeks through three different designs, all with graphic images of violence between Israelis and Palestinians. The posters included such phrases as "Stop the massacre in Palestine." One of the posters showed suffering and dying Palestinians and read, "Shooting Arab kids. Just business as usual for the Israeli army."

"It was our goal [in putting up the posters] to increase awareness on campus that civilians are dying at the hands of an army and that the United Nations opposes this excessive use of force," said Islamic Society President Wasim Rahman '02. In putting up the flyers the organization intended to kick-off a week of activities that would promote Palestinian awareness, said Rahman. According to Rahman these activities were a recognition of the United Nations Security Council's resolution made Oct. 7, condemning recent acts of violence in the Middle East, especially against Palestinians.

Levitan said she does not see a purpose in the Islamic Society's posters, except to promote an anti-Israeli agenda. "These posters don't help the situation on campus because if someone on campus does not know about [the Israeli-Palestinian conflict] they will get a one-sided impression," Levitan said. Her own poster asked, "Is Islamic Society inciting violence at Middlebury College?" and read, along with other information, "keep the facts in mind."

Her poster also stated that the Islamic Society had falsely used a photo on one of its posters. The photo was of an American student who had sustained attacks by a Palestinian mob, but when it was first published by the Associated Press the caption had misidentified the student as a Palestinian who had been attacked by an Israeli soldier. The Islamic Society said it was unaware the photo had been labeled incorrectly but believed such an oversight should not detract from their overall message about Israeli violence.

Levitan urged the group to be more objective about the way it presented a complex situation like the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The leaders of the Islamic Society commended Levitan for voicing her point of view on the conflict, but they said they disapproved of the manner in which she did so. "[Levitan] has shown [the Islamic Society] a lack of respect," said Rahman, "She infringed upon our freedom of speech and eliminated a point of view because she personally disagreed with it."

Rahman said the Islamic Society's two main concerns as a result of Levitan's actions are protecting their freedom of speech and fighting what he calls her libelous accusations that the organization was trying to incite violence on campus with the posters.

"If you put up something controversial then you should expect a strong reaction," said Levitan. "The reason I put my name on my posters is to welcome comments," she said.

Rahman said that his group is worried about the negative image the allegations in Levitan's posters, which have had more exposure on campus than their own, might give to Muslims at the College. "We are scared people will judge us by [Levitan's] posters," he said.

Hillel Co-president Blake Barkin '03 said that members of Hillel discussed the posters at their meeting last night but concluded that the debate did not concern them. "As far as the situation in the Middle East in general, we want to plan a vigil for everyone—not for any ethnic or religious group in particular—but for everyone who has suffered because of the violence. We plan to ask the Islamic Society to co-sponsor it with us," Barkin said.

Chiang mourned by faculty, students

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Chinese teaching methodology. His most recent work was the three-volume textbook entitled "Classical Chinese: A College Reader." During his tenure at Middlebury, Chiang headed the Middlebury Chinese School, dean of Oriental Schools, dean of the Chinese School, and Chinese advisor to the Language Schools. Between 1994 and 1995, Chiang was chair of Middlebury's department of Chinese.

During his 24-year tenure at the College Chiang taught at the Chinese language school for almost every session, except the two in which he was on academic leave.

He was planning to retire in April of 2001, and members of the Chinese department were planning to celebrate his career at next summer's alumni reunion.

Julie Shumway '02, who lives in the Chinese academic interest house, did not know Chiang as an instructor but became acquainted with him personally through her participation at Chinese language table in the Chateau.

Relating the anecdote of how Chiang gave her her Chinese name, Shumway remembered the professor as someone who "had an amazing knack for knowing how to talk to people."

"We always thought he'd be back," Shumway went on to say. "Since I was a freshman all I wondered was how much fun it would be to take Chiang's classical Chinese course. He was a legend. The Chinese department will never be the same."

Many current Chinese students referred to Chiang in terms of profound loss, describing him as an "uncle" or, as Shumway touchingly described, a "Daoist immortal."

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>
> **- Thomas Moran, Assistant Professor, Chinese**

John Berninghausen, head of the Chinese department, worked together with Chiang to bring Chinese language instruction to Middlebury in the mid-1970s.

In an e-mail to students in the Chinese department, Berninghausen described Chiang as "a true gentleman, subtle, learned human being who had a profound impact on the lives of generations of students" and one who always had "an apt Chinese proverb and/or a funny story or two to warm one's heart."

He mentioned on Tuesday evening that Chiang, who will be buried in East Middlebury, was an avid fisherman and, as his headstone will read, "a true Vermonter." Berninghausen and Chiang were not only co-workers but also close friends, sharing the trials and tribulations of administration and instruction from the beginning of their respective tenures.

Assistant Professor of Chinese Thomas Moran said in a written statement that "Chiang Kuei-ke was a valued colleague and a close friend. I'll miss him a lot and so will the many, many Middlebury students who studied with [Professor Chiang] over the years. We all prized his erudition and his marvelously dry sense of humor."

Current students in the Chinese department assembled at the Chinese house Tuesday evening to sign a memorial tablet for Gregory Chiang, done in the traditional Chinese style.

A memorial service for Gregory Chiang will be held at Mead Chapel on Thursday evening at 11 a.m. with a reception to follow at two.

Calling hours for Chiang will also be held at the Sanderson Memorial Home on South Main Street Wednesday evening from seven to nine in the evening.

A Room With A View

Andrew Corrigan

Returning to the dry confines of Bicentennial Hall, *two female students scurry through ebbing rain en route to class.*

PAGE 1 LITERACY PROJECT PRESENTS:
NATIONAL LITERACY ACTION WEEK

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Donate books at dinner at Proctor to help Page 1 provide new books across Addison County.

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Julia Alvarez Reading • 7:30PM The Chateau

Join Julia Alvarez for a reading and slide show on literacy in the Dominican Republic.
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ELECTION PROFILES 2000

Candidates 2000

Sanders sends independent message to Vermont voters

By Julia Urcis
Staff Writer

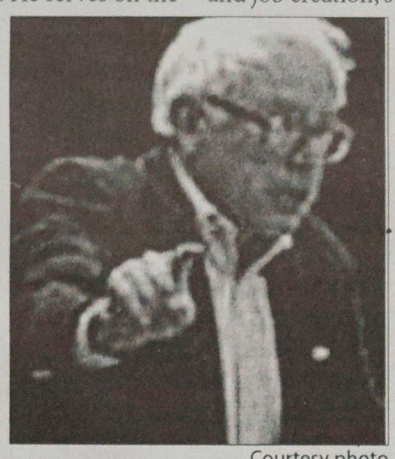
Bernard Sanders, the first Independent elected to Congress in the past four decades, is running for re-election this fall. This is his fifth year as Vermont's only Representative in the House.

Sanders is known for creating the Progressive Caucus in the House. As chair of the Caucus, Sanders has attempted to include interests of all societies in America, not just the powerful and wealthy.

Sanders served as Mayor of Burlington, Vermont's largest city, for four successive terms from 1981 to 1989. His accomplishments as mayor included building affordable housing, revitalizing the city's waterfront and downtown, initiating arts, youth and women's programs and increasing voter turnout by more than 50 percent.

Burlington was recognized as one of the three most livable cities in America and Sanders was chosen as one of the 20 best Mayors in the country by *U.S. News and World Report*.

Before entering to Congress, he taught at Harvard University and at Hamilton College. He serves on the House Banking and Financial Services Committee and on the Government Reform and Oversight Committee.



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Congressman Bernard Sanders

Sanders has brought to Washington an agenda for fundamental change in politics. His major issues are a progressive tax reform plan, eliminating corporate welfare, moving forward on national health care and major cuts in military spending (using the money saved for large-scale domestic programs in education, job training, health and infrastructure).

He also favors environmental health and safety, a national energy policy, affordable housing, support for labor initiatives, worker's rights and job creation, support for family farms and the need for America to take part in the spread of democracy in foreign affairs.

Sanders was one of the leaders in the fight against the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). He opposed NAFTA because he believed it would ship good paying American jobs to Mexico, where many workers earn less than $1 an hour.

He believes that NAFTA would both negate American environmental protections and ship pollution across our borders, rather than eliminate that pollution. Sanders strongly opposes to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) for many of the above-mentioned reasons.

Sanders has been a vocal opponent of rBGH, a synthetic bovine growth hormone said to increase milk production in cows. Sanders feels the use of the hormone will put many family farms out of business at a time when many dairy farmers are already being driven off the land due to a surplus of milk and low milk prices.

Ready looks towards state auditor

By Adam Waite
Staff Writer

Democrat Elizabeth Ready, the current State Senator for Addison County and Brandon, is running for State Auditor. In her announcement of candidacy on May 2, she said, "I want to be the auditor upon whom state leaders call for help and advice about financial management."

Ready has served as Chairwoman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee for four years and has been on the committee for 12 years. She has been part of the Senate Agriculture Committee for eight years, the Senate Finance Committee for six years, the Senate Appropriations Committee for six years and on the Joint Fiscal Committee for six years. A resident of Lincoln, Ready has served as auditor, planning commissioner and selectboard member.

Courtesy Photo
Elizabeth Ready will run for re-election as Addision County State Audior.

As a senator, Ready focused on fiscal matters, while developing plans for the environment, health care and other important issues. Last September, when International Paper wanted to conduct a test-burn of residual sludge at its plant in Ticonderoga, New York on the Lake Champlain shoreline, Ready voiced her opposition.

Citing the direction of the prevailing winds, she argued that dioxin and heavy metals released in the burning process would eventually end up in the water supply, threatening the health of Vermonters.

When the Tobacco Task Force released its plan for spending the money from the Tobacco Settlement, Ready formed another proposal. Her proposal would spend less money than the Task Force plan, and would focus on youth-oriented programs, in addition to health-care and advertising.

Before the 2000 legislative session, Ready announced her goals. First on the list was a livable wage for Vermonters unable to make ends meet despite having full-time jobs. She also wanted to promote investment in Vermont's existing downtowns, while discouraging development in rural areas that would lead to sprawl. Her plan would grant tax breaks for those redeveloping the downtowns.

Ready also wanted to make sure that new spending did not become so prolific that when the economy slowed down, deficits would become the norm as they had been in the 1980s.

She sought to decrease health care costs by reducing the prices of prescription drugs, either through compacts with other states or access to Canadian markets. Ready also favored a civil union decision that would guarantee equal rights while maintaining the traditional status of marriage as a religious bond.

On the topic of genetically engineered plants, Ready thinks Vermont should take a cautious approach. Referring to the problems associated with pesticides, she proposed that Vermont exploit its popular label by continuing to grow natural produce.

Ready also advocated reducing ozone emissions in the state, because the emissions damage the health of forests. She fought for reductions in runoff from businesses and residences into Lake Champlain and various rivers throughout the state, while acknowledging that the problem of agricultural runoff has already abated significantly.

Ready favors increasing the $.44 cigarette tax to comparable to nearby states and Quebec. She pointed out that New York's tax is $1.11, and that every $.10 increase would equal $5 million in revenue for the state. She also favored the establishment of programs designed to prevent teenagers from becoming users, instead of funding health care with the Tobacco Settlement Fund.

Gossens plays active role in Addison County

By Adam Waite
Staff Writer

Democrat Gerry Gossens is running for re-election for State Senate, representing Addison County. Gossens's platform focuses on health care, education, responsible government and the environment.

Gossens has been a resident of Salisbury for 19 years and has served on many local boards. These include the Porter Medical Center, Addison County Parent-Child Center, the United Way of Addison County, Henry Sheldon Museum, Vice Chair of the UVM board of trustees and the Chair of the Vermont Water Resources Board.

His past experience includes the Vermont State Representative from 1992 to 1996 for Hancock, Ripton, Goshen, Salisbury, Leicester, Whiting and Sudbury, Chair of the Salisbury Selectboard, Salisbury Town Moderator, Chair of the Regional Planning Commission and the Middlebury Rotary Club.

Gossens is also active in the Addison County Home Health Agency, Addison Central Educational Endowment Fund, Vermont League of Cities and Towns and is an instructor of Government and Politics and the International Relations at Community College of Vermont.

Gossens wants to make health care more affordable to Vermonters. He especially wants the cost of prescription drugs to come down and to enact meaningful health care reform.

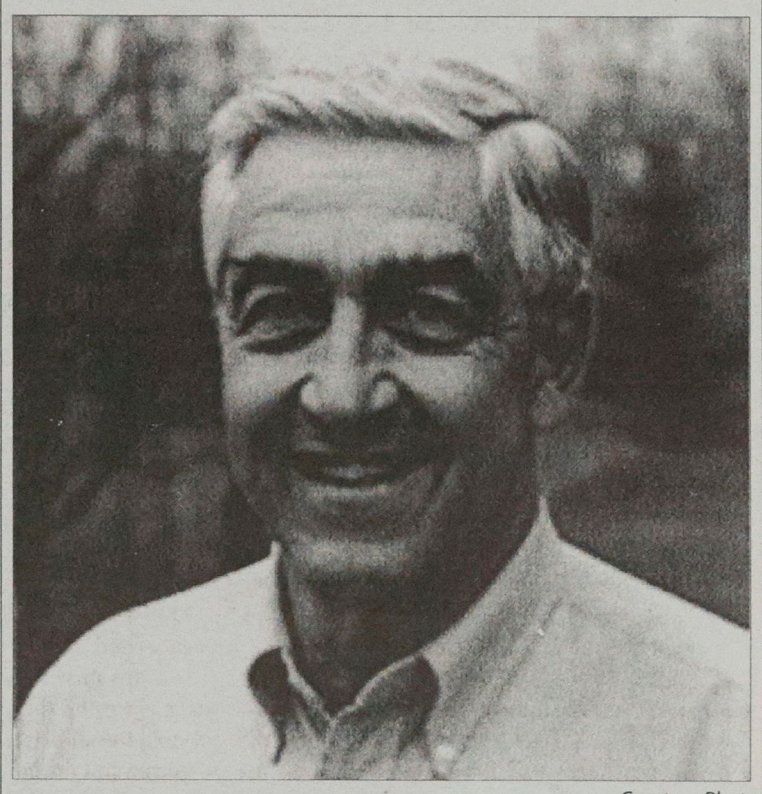
He supports the current education financing system established under Act 60 to redistribute property taxes around the state so that all public schools will benefit. He seeks to raise standards for teachers and students with regular assessments of both parties.

On environmental issues, Gossens will work for a clean and livable working environment and a sustainable countryside.

He believes in sensible and flexible regulation on environmental issues and thinks it isnecessary for Vermont's downtown and rural areas to remain vital and beautiful.. He does not want the economy and the environment need be at odds and promotes a combined effort so that both sectors flourish.

In regards to fiscal matters, Gossens would use surpluses to pay for established programs, before creating new ones. Only after debts had been paid off and all current programs funded, would Gossens seek to create a tax break.

Gossens thinks the economic climate in Vermont is not business-friendly, and would try to reverse this. He also wants all working Vermonters to be able to support themselves. He favors making the Northeast Dairy Compact permanent by setting sustainable prices to keep Vermont's dairy farmers in operation.



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Democrat Gerry Gossens is running for re-election for State Senate

Democratic campaign rally brings together town and college

By Ashley Elpern
Local News Editor

Kirk Alumni Center was filled to capacity on Wednesday, Oct. 11 for a Democratic rally co-sponsored by the Middlebury College Democrats and the Addison County Democrats. The event focused on increasing voter awareness about local candidates and the importance of organizing the county to elect Democratic candidates.

Steve Terry spoke on behalf of the Addison County Democrats, stressing the special nature of this election year. "I've been in Vermont all of my life and this election is the most important in about 40 years," said Terry.

Terry also voiced his support of all candidates in attendance. "Each individual has done something very special to be here today. It takes a lot of courage to put your name on a ballot and run for public office."

Sofi Hall of the Middlebury College Democrats echoed Terry's thoughts. "We care very much about civil rights, education, the environment and the steps that you take to secure these," she said to the candidates. "I want to thank you for all of your hard work."

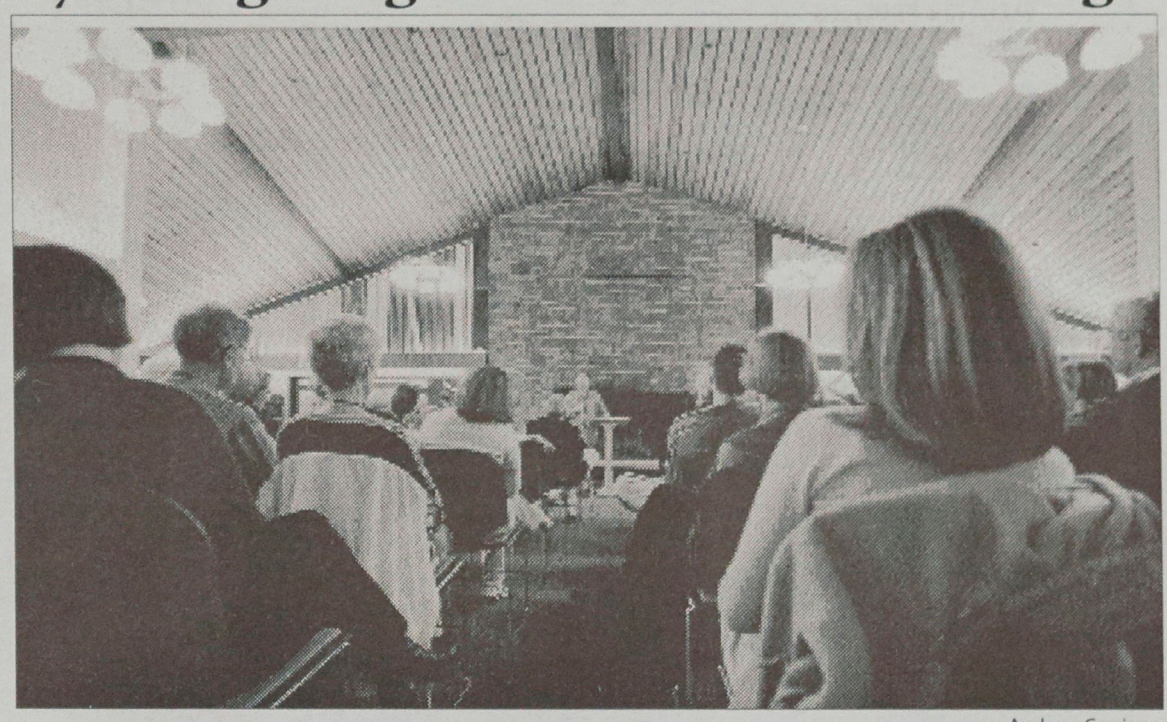
The keynote speaker of the evening was former Governor Tom Salmon, speaking on behalf of Governor Howard Dean. He stressed the importance of civility in politics. "Civility in America and in Vermont is in decline in politics and public service," said Salmon.

"It is the glue that holds dialog together and assumes that a trust can be developed between leaders of different political backgrounds."

Salmon spoke in favor of Gov. Dean, stating that the race for the governor is the race for a leader. He pointed out that Dean has presided over the most robust economy in Vermont's economic history while remaining fiscally responsible. "Dean's service has transcended the issues and has brought forward a broad spectrum of issues that will affect Vermont in all civil issues," Salmon said.

Ruth Dwyer did not get similar treatment from Salmon. "Dwyer, as far as I know, has never lead any important enterprise or project. Vermonters should insist that the people they cast their votes for are suited to serve the public."

Salmon pointed to Dwyer's participation in the "Take Back Vermont" movement, a movement he believes is aimed at exploiting the disbelief of voters and will drive from office "the good people who support civil union legislation."



Andrew Corrigan

The Middlebury College Democrats helped to sponser a democratic convention in Kirk Alumni Center Wednsday.

Salmon ended with what he believes to be the heart of politics. "Integrity, plain talk, tolerance and empathy for others are the true hallmark of public life," he said.

"All of us in this room and all Vermonters reject the politics of deception and divisiveness. We must reach out together and stop these tactics."

State Auditor and Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate, Ed Flanagan discussed the recent health care battle in the Senate. "'Take Back Vermont' is the great battle cry today, but it should really be 'Take Back the Senate' from the Republicans," said Flanagan. He brought up a bill recently sent to the Senate from Vermont's Congressman, Bernie Sanders.

The bill targeted wholesale drug companies to buy their prescription drugs at a 50 percent discount from Canada, allowing them to sell medications at lower costs. "As the bill entered the Senate, Jim Jeffords (Flanagan's Republican opponent) and Trent Lott reshuffled the bill to give significant loopholes to the drug companies," said Flanagan. "This is how the nation suffers when large interest groups take control of the Senate's Republicans."

Running for Flanagan's vacant seat is Elizabeth Ready, a current state senator from Addison County. She stated that change in the lives of Vermonters is affecting how the state perceives politics. "So much change is happening at a rapid rate, and many are turning the 'Take Back Vermont' as a way to slow down legislative change," said Ready.

Ready believes that while rapid change is frightening, people need to look at the level of change in their own lives and see how to they can effectively help progress in Vermont continue.

Secretary of State Deb Markowitz centered her talk on truthfulness in politics. "I've always believed in the power of the truth, and this has been a year of lies that are very hard to unravel," she stated. "We must continue to have a positive view of the future and remember that a small group of people can accomplish a lot."

Markowitz urged the audience to speak up when they hear lies or rude remarks about political figures or issues such as civil unions. "People need to know how you feel about an issue so that they do not feel that they have a right to say these things," she said. "Speaking up for justice will stop the flow of hate."

She also encouraged listeners to write letters to the editors of their local newspaper to have their opinions put into print.

Attorney General Bill Sorrel brought up the issue of tobacco products in Vermont, stating that over 20 percent of deaths in Vermont are tobacco related. He said that Vermont will get $30 million each year after winning a claim against the tobacco industry.

"Under the Dean administration, Vermont is first in the nation for spending settlement money on tobacco prevention," said Sorrel. "Ruth Dwyer wants to use the money to fuel her proposed health care plan. This would end state sponsored programs in schools and send Vermont to the bottom of the list in tobacco prevention."

Summing up the rally was Spencer Putnam, the chairman of the Addison County Democrats and a candidate for the Vermont House running in Cornwall, New Haven, and Weybridge.

"It takes a special type of courage to run in these rural areas," said Putnam. "The dogs at the many houses I campaign at are viscious, but if I can face the dogs of Addison County, I can face any struggle in this election."

Putnam urged the audience to be active in the community and requested that all who are interested get involved in this year's cam-

STATE shorts

By Ashley Elpern
Local News Editor

Two-week ban on excavating ordered

On Thursday, Oct. 12, Superior Court Judge Matthew Katz temporarily banned excavation at a housing development in Highgate that the Abenaki Nation claims is an ancient burial ground. Weighing property rights against the Abenaki heritage, Katz ordered the developer to postpone the digging of wells and septic systems but said construction could continue. "Certainly the respect for human remains constitutes a most significant issue," Katz told *The Burlington Free Press*. But barring the landowner from using the land might be considered unconstitutional he said. The Abenaki view the decision as a beginning to protect an area they say contains tens of thousands of their ancestors. David Casier, the lawyer for landowner Michael Jedware said, "The injunction that the judge gave does seem to value rights in a reasonable way,". The Abenaki claim Jedware violated state zoning laws when he failed to notify state archaeologist that the land had been excavated. They will appeal to the Environmental Board to revoke the land-use permits because of the violation.

Ski areas try to lure weekday skiers

Hoping to end a three-year decline in skier visits, Vermont's ski areas are planning to use promotions and packages to increase midweek business. Molly Mahar Kerr, marketing director for the Vermont Ski Area Association (VSAA) , told *The Rutland Herald* that skier visits in Vermont have fallen steadily since the 1997-1998 season. To end the slide, VSAA recommended that ski areas concentrate on attracting skiers during the week, when areas do the least business. At most Vermont resorts, the weekday lift rates are $5 to $10 lower than weekend and holiday rates. Several ski area will be offering new ski-and-stay packages, season passes and discount cards to mid-week skiers. Okemo will offer a program to provide a 30 percent discount on weekday lift passes with the purchase of the "Okemo flex" card. The card will also give holders a 25 percent discount on weekends and holidays. Okemo officials hope the card will complement the ski area's new "mid-week super pass" which allows skiers to buy season passes good only on weekdays. Killington, Pico, Mount Snow, Stratton, Stowe, Sugarbush, and Mad River Glen are also implementing package deals to increase their mid-week skier turnout.

Civil union supporters rally

Over 100 high school students paraded through downtown Montpelier on Sunday, Oct. 15 before joining a rally on the steps of the State House. The students marched behind a banner stating "We're Vermont's Future and We Support Civil Unions." The State House lawn was covered with signs supporting civil unions and with the slogan "Take Vermont Forward." An estimated 350 Vermonters attended the rally. Governor Howard Dean, an avid supporter of civil unions, addressed the crowd. "My message to you will not waver," Dean said. "In Vermont we judge our neighbors on who they are, not what they are. We value their friendship, their hard work and their contribution to our lives. Now we must move forward to build a state that recognizes our common humanity." Focus also went to Middlebury lawyer Beth Robinson, who successfully argued the Supreme Court case that led to civil unions. "We find ourselves at a historic place and time where people all around us are daring the dream for full inclusion and full equality," Robinson told the audience. She urged the crowd to preserve the civil union law and other advances achieved by the gay community by voting on Nov. 7.

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Editorial

Earning a privilege

Attending Middlebury College is a privilege, not a right. It is a privilege we have earned from the generosity of our parents and through our own academic diligence. The very fact that the College exists is due to the continued tradition of hard work from the faculty, administration and staff.

And how do some Middlebury students respond to this privilege to attend the College? They vandalize the facilities, steal and destroy other people's property and show disrespect for staff members – all while touting the concept of entitlement in their defense.

This week, the College employed an outside security force to patrol construction grounds on the weekends. The need for such measures arose out of immature antics of the last few weeks, such as the tossing of an unattended bicycle into the large hole behind Adirondack House. The dining halls have already spent over $4000 dollars on replacing stolen cups, laptops have been taken out of dorm rooms and residence halls are a mess come Monday mornings. Is this the sort of environment that we want to create here at Middlebury College?

Proctor at the dinner hour is a breeding ground of disrespect. Students drop trays of food down the stairs and the crowds roar with laughter – but it is the Proctor staff that is left, at the end of a long day, to clean up the mess. Dining Services put a lot of time and money into giving Proctor a face-lift over the summer, yet still students remove the silverware and walk out with a ridiculous amount of food shoved into pockets and backpacks.

Facilities Management may have the worst job – cleaning up student messes after the weekends. Elevator floors that stick to your feet, soap and markers all over the walls, trash in the bathrooms and beer dribbled down the halls and the stairwells are only a few of the things that Facilities Management has to look forward to on Monday mornings. Fun on the weekends should not include this public vandalism and a general disregard for school property.

Students also have to worry about a lack of respect toward each other. Every year, there are numerous reports of theft from dorm rooms. While it is true that students need to remember to keep their doors locked and that some thefts have been traced to non-student perpetrators, they still shouldn't have to worry about fellow students stealing wallets, laptops or other items. Reports of theft span from the removal of expensive personal property to the very simple act of swiping someone's white-board marker from outside a door. It's an added burden to everyone that students have to worry about policing themselves on top of balancing the stresses of college life.

There is a greater issue at stake here that extends further than missing cups or markers. Students need to grasp the type of atmosphere that they are creating here at the College. The administration has always placed a great deal of faith in the mature behavior of the student body. We have open residence halls, nice lounges and registered parties – all privileges that can be removed if taken advantage of. The College has already found the need for extra security on the weekends, so what's next? It is up to the student body to earn their privilege of attending this school and to avoid an evolution into a more heavily regulated environment. Your parents' $33,000 does not pay for the right to reek havoc at Middlebury College. It supports the excellent academic and social experience you are offered at the College. Don't ruin your freedoms by showing disrespect – earn your privileges and prove your maturity.

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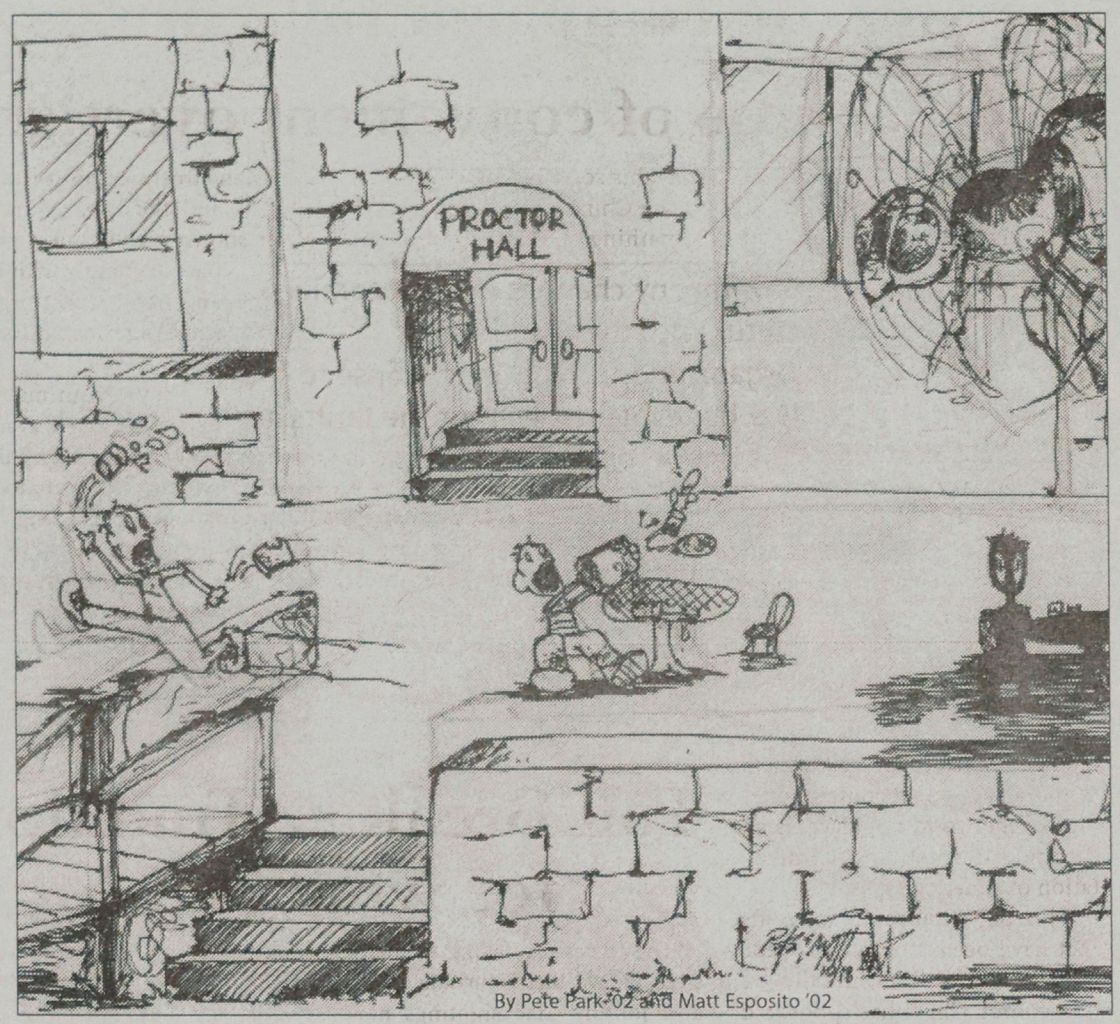

-David Ladley '01-

Possible Napster chokehold justifiable

I'm generally not one to express a strong opinion on anything. This is because when it comes to most issues, I have a hard time making up my mind which side is essentially in the right. If there's one life lesson I've learned, it's this: honing the skill of looking at issues completely objectively, from many different points of view does not render one a good spokesperson.

Let's face it, people who can hold a strong opinion and defend it with much sound and fury, no matter how flimsy their argument may be, are much more fun to listen to than peaceful, drifting fatalists like myself. I'll use a fairly innocuous example to illustrate my point: Napster.

I bought my first computer capable of playing music barely a month ago. Like a life-long health nut taking his first bite of a Big Mac, I got hooked on Napster and couldn't quit. Within the span of a couple weeks, I had accumulated over 200 songs with some vital tie to my life, and then some. It got to the point where a song would pop into my head and my immediate reaction would be to go onto Napster and download it.

Then something happened. Several days ago, I found myself unable to achieve download speeds of over one kilobyte per second.

Essentially this means several hours of download time per song, with a strong likelihood that the download wouldn't complete successfully, leaving me with a truncated song. Rumors got around to me that Information Technology Services (ITS), fed up with a constantly clogged network, set up the College's computer system so that all traffic to or from Napster was placed at very low priority. This has rendered Napster use quite impractical, not to mention frustrating.

Now, my first reaction was to write a prickly rant about censorship and our rights as tuition-paying students to use the network as we please.

After all, I thought, academic pursuits on the network can't use that much bandwidth, and if Napster is what we want to use the remaining expanses of bandwidth for, what's wrong with that? I felt violated. But the key word in that sentence is "felt", that is to say, I wasn't thinking.

My friend, also outraged by the curtailing of Napster, suggested starting a petition to reverse the limitation imposed by ITS, but I suddenly remembered hearing a fellow student in Proctor complain about how slow the network was getting. As I remember, he proceeded to curse Napster and all its pasty-faced addicts (I held my tongue). I can't say as I blame him. After all, from a practical standpoint, swapping large music files is anything but the Middlebury network's raison d'etre.

Sure, we're tuition-paying students, but the college never stated that the comprehensive fee included access to high-speed music piracy. We're here to learn, and a network hookup is granted to each student with the expectation that its main usage will be learning-related.

Therefore, it makes perfect rational sense that ITS should set Napster as low-priority, because in the bigger picture, it's just that — low priority! In light of this, any argument against limited access to Napster in favor of other network functions becomes almost indefensible.

Were the bandwidth restriction to be lifted, no doubt I would jump for joy and return to using Napster with reckless abandon. Once an addict, always an addict. But in the meantime, you won't see me putting up signs or gathering signatures toward this end.

I just can't bring myself to rationally defend the cause, because it's blatantly clear to me that the other side has a better case to plead. My passion pulls me one way, my rationality the other, and the result is a whole lot of inactivity and resignation on my part.

Of course, this whole issue might become moot very soon if Napster loses in court. Oh well, whatever will be will be. I count my blessings I'm not a lawyer involved with that case, on either side.

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A page 20 article in the Oct. 11, 2000 edition of ***The Campus*** mistakenly read that Missy Foote had been a field hockey coach at Middlebury College for 23 years. She has been at the college for 23 years, but was the coach of the field hockey team for 21 years. ***The Campus*** regrets this error.

-Ty Kalra '04-

Another case of convenient oversight

The release of trade embargoes from China is a blatant fallacy. It is a product of big business and lobbies monopolizing our government.

On Sept. 19, the Senate overwhelmingly approved a trade bill that it had vowed to pass. President Clinton then signed this very controversial bill into law the other week, a move that normalized trade relations with China, and fulfilled one of his last foreign-policy goals.

In recent efforts by United States policy makers, pressures between China and the United States have slowly been alleviated. China, a nation that contains one-fifth of the world populace, is an enormous market for the importation of American goods.

This bill stipulates that tariffs that have been attached to trade with China will eventually be phased out. China has sponsored a bid to enter the World Trade Organization and desires to be made into a market for goods and services from abroad.

Dating back to the Asian Crisis that rocked East Asia during 1998, China somehow stayed economically solvent. The country is still in the midst of an economic boom and it is so enticing for American big business to look over, especially after recent efforts by the former.

Barring any changes in its upcoming status with the World Trade Organization, China, in response to U.S. benevolence, will cut the tariffs it has imposed on U.S. goods from 25 percent to under 10 percent over the next few years. It will also drop tariffs on automobiles from an astounding 80 percent to 25 percent, while completely eradicating tariffs on technology.

Many feel that these bills will aid in reducing the $68 billion trade deficit the U.S. now must contend with regarding the highlighted nation. Yet, opposition has a quite different opinion on the matter.

A bill passed in the senate three weeks ago has relieved the president from having to reprimand China if it is caught proliferating nuclear weapons. Opposition feels we must put national security interests before the interests of American big business.

The United States leverage regarding trade will be greatly reduced, facilitating any mode China desires to conduct in relating to armaments and international policy. Others contend China has made no efforts in aiding relations with neighboring Taiwan, while keeping human rights on the back burner.

Still, the advocates seem to have won this battle. If lobby and special interests have been the cause, only time will tell. Over the next few years, Chinese actions and American response will demonstrate themselves and decide if the decisions made were valid.

However, I think that presently, in our effort to facilitate trade with this socialist country, we are giving China a scapegoat, or even something similar to a blank check. China has not demonstrated any steps in becoming a humanitarian nation, which most of the nations of the free world have.

Barring any changes in its upcoming status with the World Trade Organization, China, in response to U.S. benevolence, will cut the tariffs it has imposed on U.S. goods...

They continue to have the most inhumane treatment of prisoners, citizens and the like. China has never shown a willingness in the past to comply with U.N. and other world organization's terms and sanctions.

They continue to heighten an arms race in order to pressure Taiwan and forgo its right to self-determination. Beginning with this new policy, we might as well let China abstain from recognizing any sense of democracy, freedom, self-determination and human rights.

-Craig Sweet '02-

Fall Break*ing* Tradition for what gain?

The leaves are falling from the trees, the weather is turning colder, and Johnny Mac sightings have declined across campus. What does all this mean? No, it is not time to take up yodeling nor is it time to buy the "Classics of Chuck Norris" on E-bay. These events simply signify that fall break has come (and since gone).

This past weekend marked the familiar passage from the carefree outdoor life to shut-in dorm life, which is more commonly known as fall break. However, this year's break differed from those of years past. Though Middkids still ventured to the traditionally sinful locales of Montreal, Atlantic City, Little Rock, and Fargo, this fall break was distinctive. Break this year was a mere three days in length, down from the conventional four-day weekend.

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If you were not careful, you may have even missed mid-term break. Thankfully many students were on the ball and noticed the change to three days and that mid-term break actually fell on week five rather than the usually scheduled dates of mid-term — week six. What was the cause of this disruption? Why nothing more than Founder's Day.

For those of you not in the know, Founder's Day is our administrative tribute to the formation and creation of this institution. In essence it is a great marketing ploy to attract alumni on to campus as well as a fantastic excuse to hold a parade through downtown complete with floats, marching bands, and a giant inflated balloon in the shape of Snoopy.

Founder's Day is to be held on Nov. 1 and all classes will be canceled for that day. Thus, to compensate for the lost day, mid-term break was reduced and rescheduled. Ok, one can now understand why break was trimmed down — to account for the loss of a day of classes, but it is not yet clear why we have a Founder's Day.

If those in Old Chapel were looking for an excuse to cancel classes, why not pick a traditional holiday for a campus wide stoppage? Pick any of them — Columbus Day, Flag Day, Secretaries Day, National Pork Day — all are fine choices. But not so here at Midd, it was decided that none were truly sufficient; we needed our own day. Thus, not only have we our own bottled water, chocolate bars, and ski hill, but now we are also creating holidays.

The stance of the administration is that the day is meant to involve students and the entire campus community in the Bicentennial celebration of the college's founding. However, we must be pragmatic. Halloween is Oct. 31, the day just prior to Nov. 1, and I highly doubt that a large number of Middkids will be in a festive mood on the 1st.

The powers that be were also driven by the desire to give the alumni a better opportunity to celebrate this momentous occasion as well as create a greater incentive for them to attend Homecoming. Please. As if having the second biggest building in all of Vermont and a trailer park on campus were not big enough draws for alumni, we must now lure them from all corners of the globe with a new holiday.

In the future, instead of creating holidays that disrupt the flow of the schedule, let's just stick with convention. Creativity is great, but not with our time off. Reducing break to three days drastically limits the ability of those students who don't live just outside of Boston or within a simple three-hour drive to get home. For those of us from far-flung places, that extra day is invaluable in terms of travel time.

I think it is great that Middlebury has been around for 200 historic years, and it is something of which we should be proud. Just don't force students to celebrate that occasion in a manner that the administration deems fit. Give the students the ability to choose how to honor our history. Yet, why do I really need a long break? I was still able to see the Vikings go 6-0, witness the Gophers beat #5 OSU, and view all the fine fall foliage this past weekend.

Pocketbook Politics:

-Brian Ashley '04-

Safety in George W.

Through the bombing of the U.S.S. Cole in Aden, Yemen, the deadly beating of two Israeli soldiers by a Palestinian mob in the West Bank, and the kidnapping of an Israeli Colonel by Palestinian extremists, America is learning that we are no longer diplomats in a peace conflict, but participants in a war. This realization helps no one more than George W. Bush. At a time when the American people are looking to divert spending away from the military and into our nations schools and public works, these events haven't helped to quiet criticism of the Republican's notorious military spending plans more than those of the past week.

Similarly, in a period of overvalued stocks and less-than-predictable third quarter earnings, Gore's attack on big money capitalists has helped Bush to become the safe and economical bet for the nation's market-hungry public. Through our country's recent catastrophes and shortcomings in foreign relations and national economics, Bush has become the dependable choice for our relations abroad and investor welfare at home.

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Throughout the Clinton administration, our nation's foreign policy has been deplorable. We have stood witness to mass genocide only to step in too little, too late. Even though Gore proposes more military spending than Bush for the coming years, last weeks events have emphasized America's belief that Gore's proposed spending may be misdirected. Gore proposes increased spending in the military, not for tanks or guns, but for basic subsistence wages for military personnel. Unfortunately for Gore, most Americans do not equate better military pay with better soldiers and higher enlistment, (i.e. more effective military presence abroad).

Additionally, Gore has been too busy defending his behavior and statistics from the first debate to clarify this crucial point. That which has helped Bush in these past few days has been the nation's belief that due to our level of international conflict involvement, we simply need to spend money on missiles and tanks in order to better protect our nation's troops abroad. Bush wins on this issue simply because of the nation's preconceived notions about partisan military spending. Through no real work of his own, Bush has become a safe bet for our foreign policy.

Why Bush wins in the economic sector is, again, no doing of his own. Throughout his two terms as vice president and his campaign, Gore has criticized big business and its actions. Unfortunately for him, this political move has made more enemies than friends. Right now more Americans than ever have much of their capital invested in the stock market. Those voters who would have supported Gore because of our recent economic successes under the Clinton administration are now getting nervous about big business' future. The fact that the next president will choose up to four new Supreme Court Justices leads United States investors and companies to wonder at the future role of the government's hand in big business.

If Gore is elected, anti-trust cases like the one presently pending against Microsoft could become much more commonplace and detrimental to our economy's business cornerstones. This possibility of a more hostile investor market and economy under Gore is sending many votes to Bush. Essentially, Bush has become the safe economic haven due to Gore's recent attacks on big business.

Beyond all these other strengths, I haven't even mentioned Bush's recent success in the polls. Where Gore tends to slide around issues, claiming moral superiority and hiding behind a shield of consumer rights, Bush has held a steady stance concerning the issues. He has refrained from allowing himself to be sucked into Gore's childish debate game of sighs and lies. In many ways, what we are seeing in this second debate is a repeat of the first Reagan/Carter debate in 1984. While Carter lent himself to the same petty games of which Gore is presently accused, Reagan was able to keep his stance steady and true. Reagan showed himself to be a trustworthy and reliable man, up to the job of running the country. From that point on, the election was essentially Reagan's.

Come November, we shall see if Bush can carry the same lead all the way to the voting booths. Election results not withstanding, one thing is for sure, America's economic and foreign stability are better suited in the hands of a reliable and steadfast Republican than a Democrat who thinks he can sway the opinion polls by changing his hair and makeup for the second debate.

A Little Taste of Reality

-Lisa Engelstein '01 and Ruth Howell '01-

Chew on This:

1998 Voter Statistics From U.S. Census Bureau

	Percent Reported Registered	Percent Reported Voted
BOTH SEXES		
Total 18 years and over	62.1	41.9
18 to 24 years	39.2	16.6
25 to 34 years	52.4	28.0
35 to 44 years	62.3	40.7
45 to 54 years	69.3	50.7
55 to 64 years	74.0	57.9
65 to 74 years	77.1	63.3
75 years and over	73.2	54.8
College Age		
18 years	23.3	10.3
19 years	34.2	15.4
20 years	39.8	15.2
21 years	44.2	18.5
22 years	43.6	17.6
23 years	44.4	20.6
MALE		
Total 18 years and over	60.6	41.4
18 to 24 years	36.4	15.7
FEMALE		
Total 18 years and over	63.5	42.4
18 to 24 years	42.0	17.6
ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER		
Total 18 years and over	29.1	19.2
18 to 24 years	18.0	9.8
HISPANIC		
Total 18 years and over	33.7	20.0
18 to 24 years	22.2	9.0
WHITE		
Total 18 years and over	63.9	43.3
18 to 24 years	40.7	17.2
BLACK		
Total 18 years and over	60.2	39.6
18 to 24 years	37.6	15.6
EDUCATION		
Total	62.1	41.9
Less than 9th grade	40.2	24.0
No H.S.. diploma	43.4	24.6
High school graduate	58.6	37.1
college or assoc. degree	68.3	46.2
Bachelor's degree	73.8	54.0
Advanced degree	77.7	63.6
INCOME		
All Ages		
Total	63.7	43.7
Under $5,000	41.5	21.1
$5,000 to $9,999	44.9	23.9
$10,000 to $14,999	49.0	30.4
$15,000 to $24,999	54.2	34.6
$25,000 to $34,999	60.6	40.2
$35,000 to $49,999	65.7	44.0
$50,000 to $74,999	71.9	49.9
$75,000 and over	77.3	57.3
Income not reported	52.1	37.8
18 to 24 years		
Total	40.5	17.5
Under $5,000	30.1	10.9
$5,000 to $9,999	27.4	8.1
$10,000 to $14,999	31.8	12.6
$15,000 to $24,999	33.7	12.7
$25,000 to $34,999	35.7	14.3
$35,000 to $49,999	43.0	18.6
$50,000 to $74,999	48.9	21.8
$75,000 and over	52.9	25.9
Income not reported	28.7	13.7

(see A little, page 11)

-Heidi Crockett '02-

NCBI encourages climate of personal growth

I discovered NCBI (National Coalition Building Institute) this past spring semester when I attended a three-day workshop at Middlebury. At the workshop, I learned that NCBI is an international organization, which focuses on diversity training and conflict resolution, and that we have an NCBI chapter on our campus. My experiences with NCBI have been so enriching that I decided I wanted to share why I support this group so that readers know what is available on campus if they're interested. (This coming Sunday, Oct. 22, there is a one-day workshop on campus.)

One very short example of my interest in NCBI involves my meeting an inspiring young woman from Switzerland who was getting ready to fly to Bosnia to do conflict resolution work with NCBI for teenagers after the Bosnian War.

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Probably the greatest lesson I've taken from NCBI is a heightened awareness of the power of my words on issues of diversity. Part of the theory behind NCBI is, "to shift attitudes . . . hear stories." At the workshop last spring, I was able to witness some of the most touching stories. In fact, it was because of those stories that I became more sensitive to the issue of diversity, and as previously mentioned, more sensitive to the effect my words can have on other people.

Along with hearing stories, through participating in the NCBI workshop last spring, our differences and similarities were purposely pointed out. NCBI allowed everyone in the room to open up about sensitive issues. People were able to feel pride in the countless, diverse groups they belonged to, and without defensiveness or exclusion, everyone in the room began to examine what they had been taught in the past about these differences. Personally, I was able to bond with people from many different groups on campus because of our shared experienced during the workshop — and I developed powerful friendships that might not have existed today had I not decided to see what NCBI was about. At the workshop I also befriended staff, which has enriched my life. Knowing more staff members expanded my perception of the size of "the Middlebury Community" on campus. I also learned the effort which hundreds and hundreds of individuals (many of whom are behind the scenes) exert so that the 2000-plus students are able to have a successful and joyful time here. (Thank you staff!)

I would encourage anyone who would like to be more involved on campus to attend an NCBI workshop — it's a good place to meet some fascinating, dedicated people. I would also encourage anyone interested in personal growth, or learning in general, to attend a workshop. It really is an amazing experience.

-Christine Barratt '04-

Image-conscious Midd tests first-year resolve

For me, starting college has been like having a bucket of ice cold water thrown in my face. I feel as if I am in junior high again. I catch myself thinking about every little thing that I say and do, worrying what other people will think of me, wanting them to like me. And I am reminded of how I acted as a self-conscious 13-year-old who did not see herself fitting in any way, trying to portray this image of being "normal," whatever that means.

Reflecting back, it wasn't that I wanted to fit in so much as I wanted to be liked and appreciated. Nobody could like me though, unless I let him or her in, to see who I really was. I was so nervous and afraid that they would see something in me that they wouldn't like, that I did not allow myself to open up and let them see all that I am, all that distinguished me from everyone else. The truth is, I am not like everyone else, nor would I want to be. The people closest to me love me because I am different, not in spite of it. Yet this is easier to remember when you are surrounded by those that love you.

College has been a test for me. A test to remember who I am and to see if I am able to stand without all the people that were part of me from back home. I have had to ask if I am really who I have believed myself to be. Am I still that smiling, confident person that I was when I was surrounded by the people closest to me? If there is no one but me who knows of that person, am I still that person? Is just me knowing of her, enough?

I do not know for certain how things will turn out here at Middlebury. I want to find my place and feel as if Middlebury is a home and family to which I belong, yet I am running into more insecurities and unfamiliarity than I had expected. Among the uncertainties, the one thing I know for sure is that I will be given the chance to see who I really am.

-Kevin King '02-

"Open container" policy has lid screwed on too tightly

We have an alcohol citation policy at Middlebury College because state authorities require us to. Though certain sections of the policy are drawn straight from applicable state and local laws (e.g. "underage drinking," etc.), others have no basis in law, and have been crafted specifically for the college environment.

While it doesn't look like the age requirement is going to disappear any time soon in state law, many sections of the college's policy not based on state and local law are flexible and could certainly use some change.

The Handbook spells out the specifics of our current alcohol and citation policy under the Residential Life heading. According to Title H, number 1, section i of the Residential Life segment of the Handbook, "In accordance with the Middlebury town ordinance, outdoor consumption of alcoholic beverages or possession of an open container of alcoholic beverages is prohibited except at registered outdoor parties within designated areas."

The underlying reasoning for this regulation is patently false. Middlebury Police Sargent Michael Christopher confirmed this assertion during a telephone conversation today when he stated that he "could not recall any [state or local] ordinance which could affect the college with respect to open containers." The Handbook is correct when it states that there is a Middlebury town ordinance prohibiting "possession of a malt beverage" on public town property, property described by Sgt. Christopher as "streets, highways, sidewalks, parks, and such – but not anything owned by the college."

After searching through the Vermont Statutes Annotated (the published laws of Vermont), my suspicions were confirmed that no statewide basis for an "open container" policy existed.

So, if there is in fact no applicable town ordinance, and no state or federal law, why do we enforce the "open container" policy so vigorously? In fact, why do we have it at all?

Though there are certain other sections of the college alcohol and citation policy which I'm sure are just as invective, I focus on the "open container" part because I see it as a problem which affects many students of legal drinking age on a regular basis.

Given the fact that alcohol violations (citations) count towards the disciplinary ladder the same regardless of nature — this is to say that an 18 year old student drinking Jack Daniels from the bottle behind closed doors receives the same penalty as a 22 year old student having a sip of Otter Creek on his or her dormitory porch — there is a real problem with the policy.

In my mind, it would make a great deal of sense for the college to reconsider the nature and reasoning for the "open container" restriction, perhaps reducing the penalty for such a violation to a small fine instead of a citation with possible consequences for one's permanent college record.

Shifting the penalty to a small fine or similar sanction would require a corollary shift in reasoning for having the policy in the first place.

My inclination would be to eliminate the "open container" policy altogether, but I realize that might seem unreasonable to some college officials, so I propose the following compromise.

I can clearly see the college's interest in maintaining a safe social environment, as well as an environment where campus security can reasonably know where drinking is taking place and monitor events.

These considerations seem to be justification enough for an "open container" policy, though in a form that is removed from the citation system.

State and local laws treat underage drinking very differently than open container violations, why shouldn't the college do the same?

After searching through the Vermont Statutes Annotated, my suspicions were confirmed that no statewide basis for an "open container" policy existed. So, if there is in fact no applicable town ordinance, and no state or federal law, why do we enforce the "open container" policy so vigorously? In fact, why do we have it at all?

All things considered, the college has certain legal duties it must fulfill when it enforces its alcohol policy. However, it seems plain to me that in the case of "open containers" there is no such duty, and therefore no satisfactory reason for keeping the rule as written in the Handbook.

A change in this language that would clearly benefit Security as well as students would distinguish between "open container" violations and underage drinking by eliminating the former from the citation system and establishing independent grounds for having the rule in the first place.

A little more taste of reality

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Our Digestion:

Over October break, instead of going to Montreal, heading home to see the folks or hanging out at Midd, your beloved A Little Taste of Reality writers sojourned to a conference addressing the lack of involvement of individuals age 18-24 years in politics, especially their failure to vote.

During this conference, we, and approximately 100 other students from colleges around the country, explored reasons for the pathetic voter turnout of people in our age bracket, with the above statistics serving as background. It is interesting to note that there is little discrepancy between females and males and blacks and whites when it comes to voter turnout; however, age, education and income significantly affect one's participation. We concluded that one of the reasons for the lack of voting among 18-24 year olds is due to perceived powerlessness as a partial function of limited education and income.

Other reasons include disillusionment and frustration with the political system, the feeling that politicians do not address the issues that concern them, lack of time to devote to politics and unawareness of the available voting resources.

There exists a vicious cycle: many young adults do not vote because the politicians do not focus on issues pertinent to them and because young adults are not likely to vote, politicians do not include them in their platforms. Rebel against the statistics and make your voice heard—vote!!!

-Adam Mullineux EX-

Englishman in New York

Of all the places in this vast country, New York is probably its most emblematic. Sure, Washington D.C. has the White House and all those memorials, Los Angeles has large signs on hillsides, Chicago has E.R., and Boston has, well, nothing that instantly springs to mind (sorry Boston).

New York, on the other hand, has more symbols of America than you could shake a large, stick-shaped object at. From all the shows, such as Friends and Seinfeld, and all those Woody Allen films, it looks like much of America is contained within this urban egg. In fact, I am sure that many Europeans regard New York as the definitive American experience (small minded people that we can be). Yet, from my first visit to the city over the weekend, I can see why.

It is a city that has so much life and vitality within it, but it, like most things, has a dark side. Paul Auster, in his "New York Trilogy," wrote of one man who became lost amongst the streets of this city, so lost, in fact, that he lost his own identity to them. Having walked the streets for just one day, I realized they could be both inspiring and parasitic; life-giving and life-draining.

Walking down Broadway after seeing a wonderful Verdi opera, on a very warm evening (Manhattan must be the very definition of a urban heat island) we saw booksellers and other stalls in the street, leaking fire hydrants, a steaming drain, and all those other cliches of city life. It made me feel quite excited at being amongst all this life, a part of the great scheme of the city.

Of course, the most striking thing about New York is the skyline, and those skyscrapers. What better symbol of American idealism can there be? The architect Winka Dubbeldam once remarked that New York is "the only city where sky is not the limit." As we spiraled down into the Lincoln Tunnel we had a view of this immense metropolis. I could see the beauty in it, the outline of the buildings against the sky and the inspiration to fly to the moon that it provided. But in a way this was also quite intimidating.

The many photographs I took of straight streets with tall walls stretching into oblivion both ahead and above made me feel quite small, and the photographs will hopefully reflect this when they show only the tiniest chink of sky in between man's own ambition. Anybody can be watched from these towers, and, likewise, people's lives can be observed when looking at them also. When I sat in a little square off Broadway and looked up at one building, I could see from the lights flicking on and off when people were in or out and the eerie, chameleon glow when people were watching television. I suppose you are never alone in a city the size of New York. The masses of people in Times Square the next day gave me a good indication of this.

After getting rather bored of Times Square, I headed downtown to Greenwich Village. The convivial atmosphere; the bars, restaurants and shops all open late (including, rather alarmingly, an "adult" shop by the name of London) and most of all the friendly people made this the highlight of my trip. It put me in such a good frame of mind that I wasn't put out by a little run-in I had when trying to find an appropriate subway station later on in the evening.

I firmly believe any city, fun and fascinating though it may be, can drive you crazy, and I can quite believe it of New York.

Needing the toilet, I decided to bless a Burger King on Canal Street with my humble presence. The toilet was occupied so I decided to wait. Presently a man emerged from the bathroom, walked up to me and asked me my name. Now, to the benefit of those of you to whom I have not introduced myself in person, I have, apparently, quite an English accent. This makes it very difficult, for some reason, where pronunciation of my name is concerned.

Many people have repeated it back to me as "Atam?" or "Atom?" It is not unusual for me to turn to a translator next to me to say it in an American accent. Unfortunately, he was not with me in New York, so when the man went with Atam, I had to repeat myself. To this he stared at me for what seemed like forever, then said, "Say what?"

Feeling the hole was already dug, and hoping Burger King was offering free health insurance with every burger that day, I decided to spell it for him. Again, he stared at me, then turned away muttering, "I don't know nuttin', no nuttin' 'bout no A-D-A-M," as he walked out of the door, much to my relief.

I firmly believe any city, fun and fascinating though they may be, can drive you crazy, and I can quite believe it of New York. It is vertical chaos, with buildings and people all in competition with each other, on a very ordered and regulated grid system. It is this sort of dichotomy that can drive people mad.

As we spiraled back out of the Lincoln Tunnel and I looked back at Manhattan, I thought of it as the kind of place where I could live for one, or maybe two years, then leave and never go back. There is only so much life and madness one can have. I'll still go back for New Year's though.

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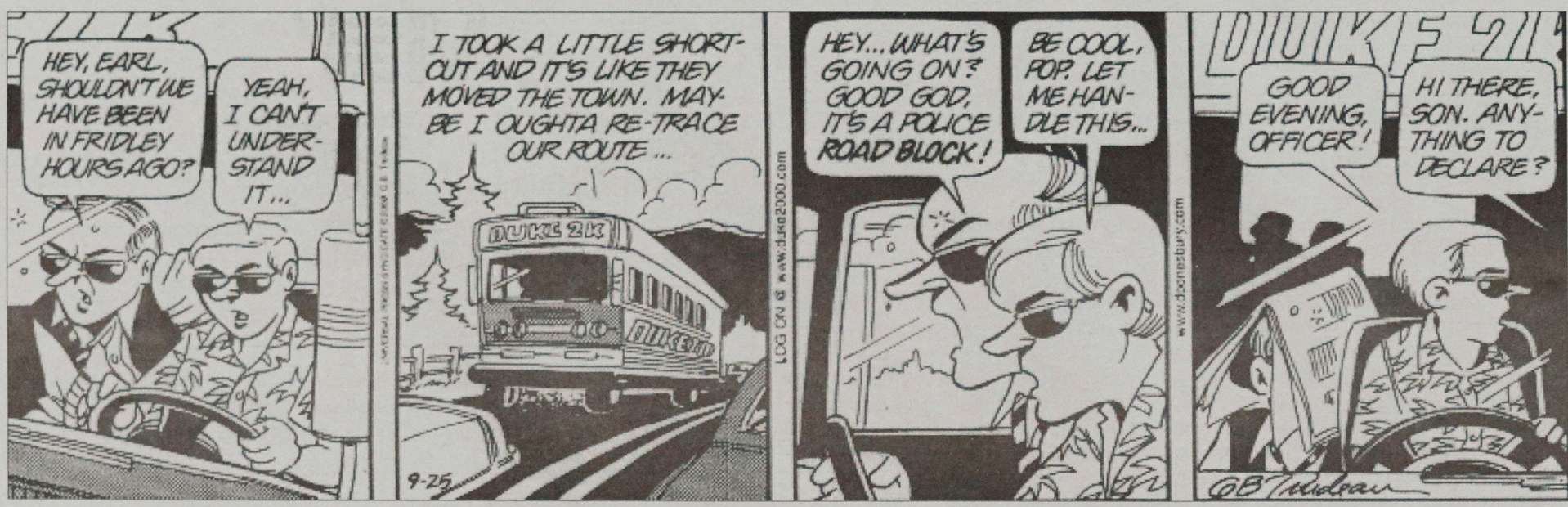
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I TOOK A LITTLE SHORT-CUT AND IT'S LIKE THEY MOVED THE TOWN. MAYBE I OUGHTA RE-TRACE OUR ROUTE...
DUKE 2K
9-25
HEY... WHAT'S GOING ON? GOOD GOD, IT'S A POLICE ROAD BLOCK!
BE COOL, POP. LET ME HANDLE THIS...
GOOD EVENING, OFFICER!
HI THERE, SON. ANYTHING TO DECLARE?
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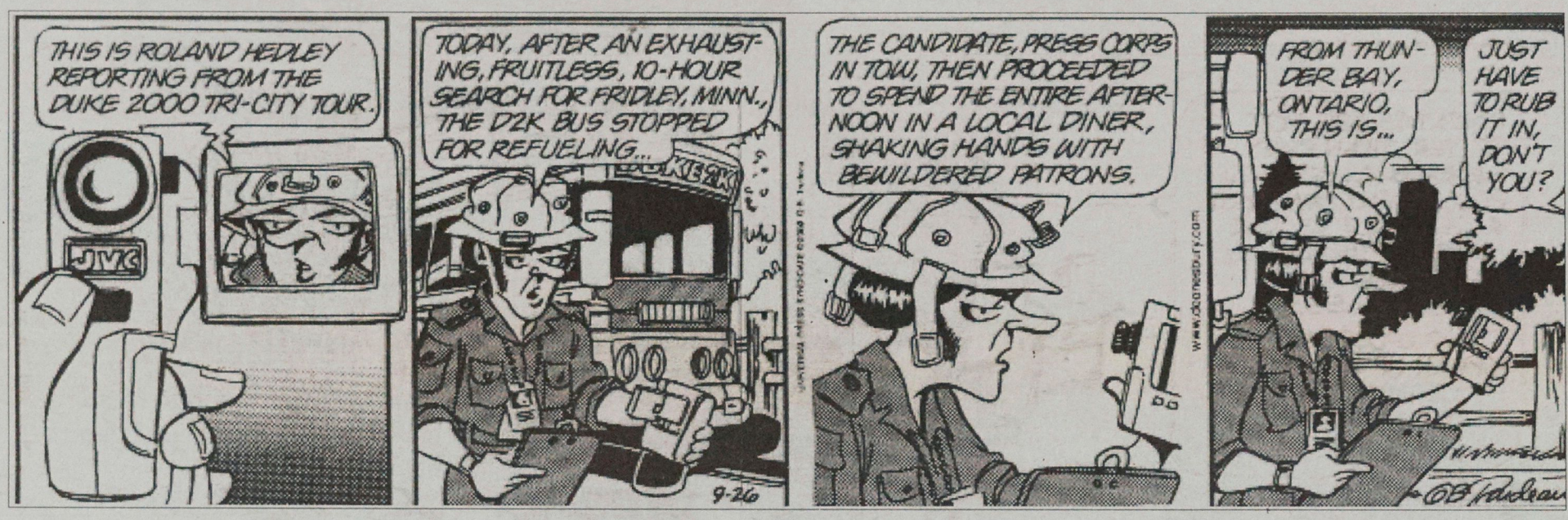
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TODAY, AFTER AN EXHAUSTING, FRUITLESS, 10-HOUR SEARCH FOR FRIDLEY, MINN., THE D2K BUS STOPPED FOR REFUELING...
9-26
THE CANDIDATE, PRESS CORPS IN TOW, THEN PROCEEDED TO SPEND THE ENTIRE AFTERNOON IN A LOCAL DINER, SHAKING HANDS WITH BEWILDERED PATRONS.
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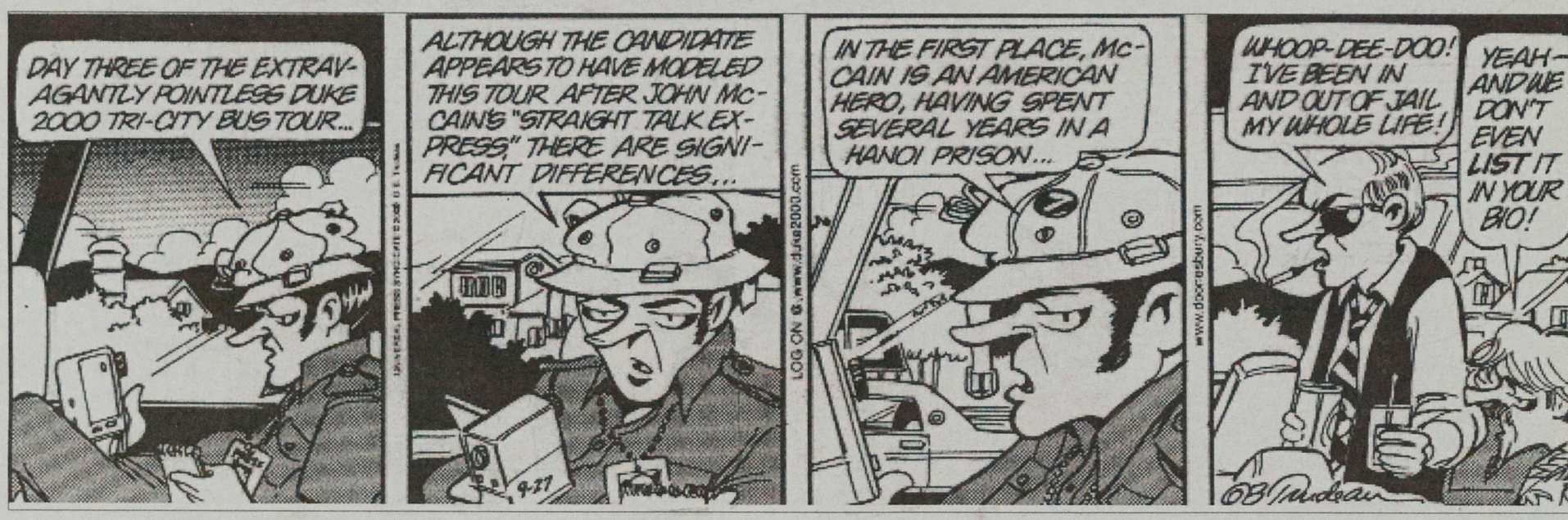
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9-27
IN THE FIRST PLACE, MCCAIN IS AN AMERICAN HERO, HAVING SPENT SEVERAL YEARS IN A HANOI PRISON...
WHOOP-DEE-DOO! I'VE BEEN IN AND OUT OF JAIL MY WHOLE LIFE!
YEAH-AND WE DON'T EVEN LIST IT IN YOUR BIO!
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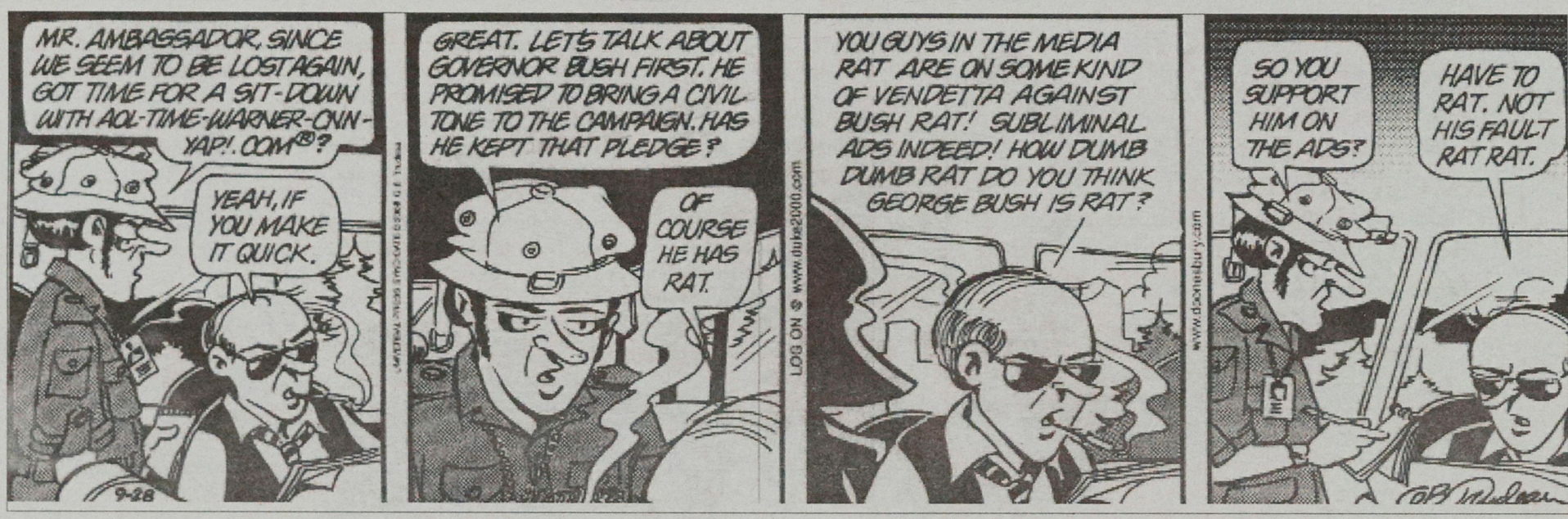
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YEAH, IF YOU MAKE IT QUICK.
9-28
GREAT. LET'S TALK ABOUT GOVERNOR BUSH FIRST. HE PROMISED TO BRING A CIVIL TONE TO THE CAMPAIGN. HAS HE KEPT THAT PLEDGE?
OF COURSE HE HAS RAT.
YOU GUYS IN THE MEDIA RAT ARE ON SOME KIND OF VENDETTA AGAINST BUSH RAT! SUBLIMINAL ADS INDEED! HOW DUMB DUMB RAT DO YOU THINK GEORGE BUSH IS RAT?
SO YOU SUPPORT HIM ON THE ADS?
HAVE TO RAT. NOT HIS FAULT RAT RAT.
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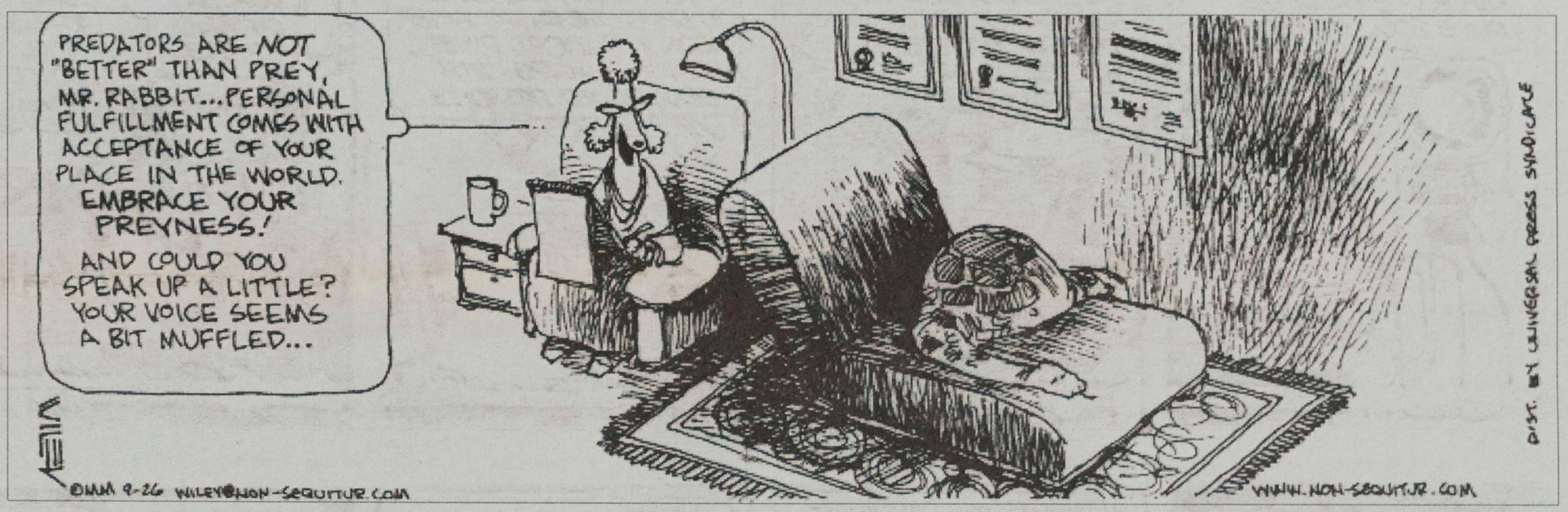
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Four Divas Project: Introspection, inspiration help cope with loss

By Claire Bourne
Features Editor

"Grief is not something that comes around after... a tragic event and leaves us a week later. Grief lingers," Jesenia Garcia '02 maintained while reflecting on the deaths last April of four Middlebury students. "It is in the smallest pang of pain we feel in our hearts whenever we hear the favorite song of our lost loved one or watch their favorite movie."

Out of this grief, the Four Divas Writing Project was born. Approached by Lecturer and Tutor of the English and Writing Program Mary Ellen Bertolini, now faculty coordinator of the effort, shortly following the tragic loss of Anisa Gamble, Maika Prewitt, Tiffany Holmes and Iniko Johnson in a car accident, Garcia has been working to turn the blueprint for a published body of student writing into a reality.

Having lost her mother during the summer of 1999, Bertolini understood the grieving process. After learning of the tragedy last spring, "I looked to what I could do as an individual to help the survivors. I thought, 'What can I give?' I tried to think of things that had helped me," she said.

Naturally, writing was one means she found effective in dealing with such an unpleasant reality.

Garcia explained, "This project utilizes the medium of writing as an outlet for the grief that some of us may still be experiencing, and at the same time serves to honor the four young women."

The untimely loss of Gamble, Holmes, Johnson and Prewitt sent ripples through the Middlebury community in early 2000. "We saw members of our community support each other and most importantly, grieve together," recalled Garcia.

Four Divas is an extension of this support system. The semester long endeavor will result in a publication consisting of "pieces of writing authored by students here at the College," Garcia continued. Set in the realm of the written word, those who wish to contribute pieces will not be compelled to voice their pain and sorrow verbally. "Sometimes it's more comfortable to remember on paper instead of sharing out loud," Garcia said. "It provides a canvas for introspection and an outlet to remember, heal and share."

The project is designed to involve the greatest number of people while still catering to individual comfort levels and experiences.

"We are here to support those undergoing a loss, whether it be dealing with a sickness of a parent or a close friend, a divorce, or even a breakup of a personal relationship," said Bertolini.

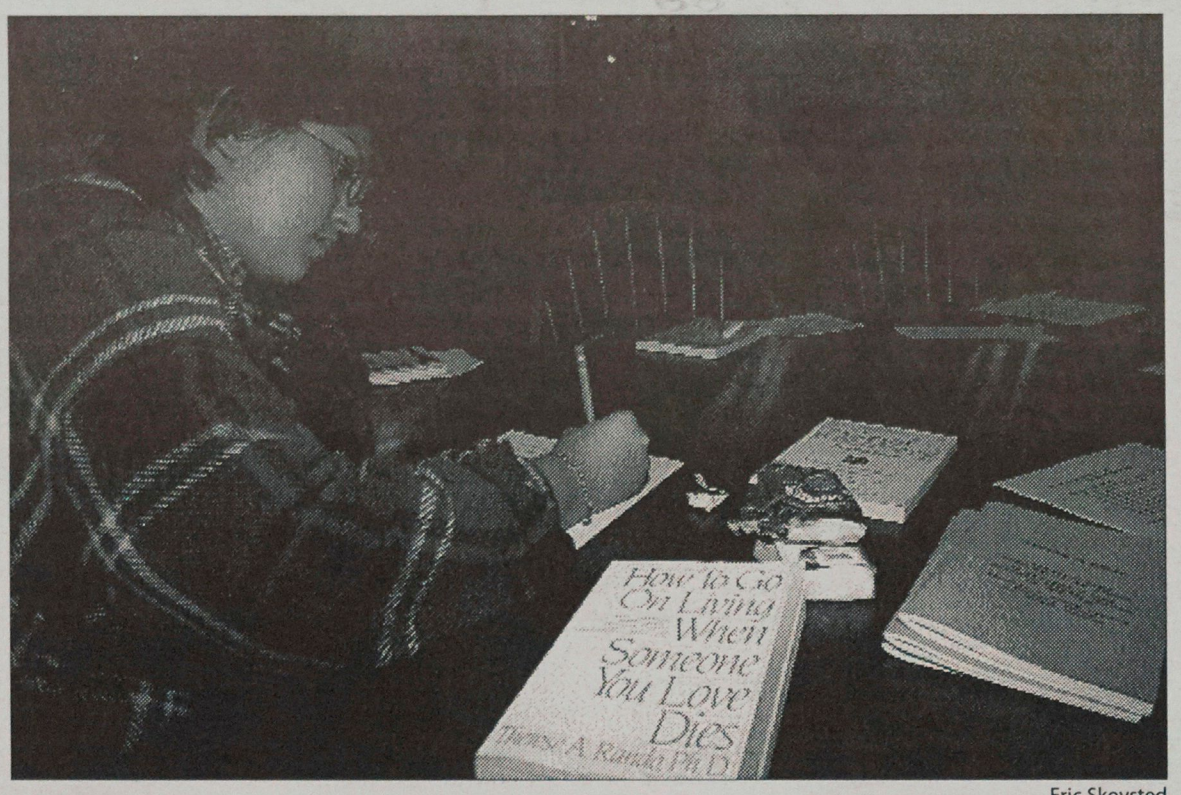
We want writers to express themselves... with pen and paper without any restrictions.

—Jesenia Garcia '02, student coordinator of the Four Divas Writing Project

Writing is a "healthy release", that enables one to "acknowledge the things that bother us on our own timeline." She and Garcia stressed that anyone could participate in the project, regardless of whether he or she had known the four girls.

"We want writers to express themselves... with pen and paper without any restrictions," maintained Garcia.

Bertolini expressed her willingness to work with students "to develop a piece they are proud of." She acknowledged, however, that not everyone would want to publish his or her work. "Some people will find a good release [through the writing process] but will want to keep their pieces private."



Eric Skovsted

The Four Divas program allows students like Claudia Moreno '02 to express and confront their grief through writing.

Writing workshops, the details of which are posted around campus, have been set up by commons, however everyone is welcome to attend any meeting. In order to accommodate those who do not feel at ease writing in a workshop atmosphere and who would prefer to write alone or with a smaller group of friends, Garcia is offering the option of a private session.

"Some people might not be able to do this yet," Bertolini recognized, "and we respect that. We hope students will come [to the workshops] and be with us while we write, and even if they don't write – even if they write for ten minutes and then do Calculus homework – it shows solidarity."

In your face with pink felt triangles

By Morgan Wilson
Staff Writer

Many campus events such as "Coming Out Story Time", passing out pink felt triangles and a panel presentation titled "So You're Gay: Why are you in my face?" celebrated National Coming Out Week, observed both locally and nationally October 6 through 14.

All events, sponsored by the Middlebury Open Queer Alliance (moqa) and supported by Gay and Lesbian Employees at Middlebury (GLEAM), primarily focused on the various ramifications of gay, lesbian and bisexual visibility and the positives, negatives and backlash caused by coming out.

"Coming out plays on visibility. One can contribute more to the community by being visible, so we wanted to make a positive statement about being visible. We wanted to provide visibility for gay and lesbian students on campus and show we have a network of support of people choose to come out or choose not to," Aubry Threlkeld '03, co-convenor of moqa said.

Moqa enhanced visibility by passing out pink felt triangles symbolizing gay and lesbian acceptance and hosted several other events.

"Better than Chocolate," a film about lesbian love was shown Oct. 6 in Sunderland Language Center so that students might gain a better perspective of lesbian issues in a lighthearted presentation.

The Canadian comedy features actress Wendy Crewson as Lila, a divorced mother who decides to move in with her lesbian daughter, Maggie, played by Karyn Dwyer, although she does not know about this facet of her daughter's life, making an awkward situation when Maggie must hide her love for another girl.

"We tried to find a movie what would appeal to people that was also somehow related to gay issues. It was something fun and entertaining to do on a Friday night," commented moqa co- convenor Chris Atwood, '03.

Moqa also brought students together on common grounds with "Coming Out Story Time" which was held Oct. 8 during the regular moqa meeting period.

Instead of conducting the normal business of the meeting, members, faculty and guests discussed their own coming out stories and shared their various views with the group.

Visibility is vital for gays and lesbians so that people know they are a valid group working not for special rights, but for recognition as part of society.

—Becky Adams '03

"It was probably the most effective event we had. It was a good opportunity for people to get to know each other and hear stories that were both like and unlike their own. People could see that there was someone to talk to. We also got some faculty to come and talk about their experiences about coming out at Middlebury which was interesting," elaborated moqa co-convenor Gillian Wood, '03.

The panel presentation, "So You're Gay, why are you in my face?," took place on National Coming Out Day, Oct. 11 in Dana Auditorium followed by a reception.

Four panelists, including Sue Wilson of Outright Vermont, Kim Howard, University of Vermont professor and author of "Out and About on Campus,"

Don Eggert '98, co-founder of R U 1 2? and Threlkeld, presented personal stories and anecdotes concerning the issues surrounding coming out as gay, lesbian or trans-gendered and their opinions on these issues.

"I think visibility of gay and lesbian students, and especially faculty and staff is very important. Just by being open and visible people dispel myths about gays and lesbians. If someone personally knows a gay or lesbian person, it gives them a much more honest experience," Wilson commented.

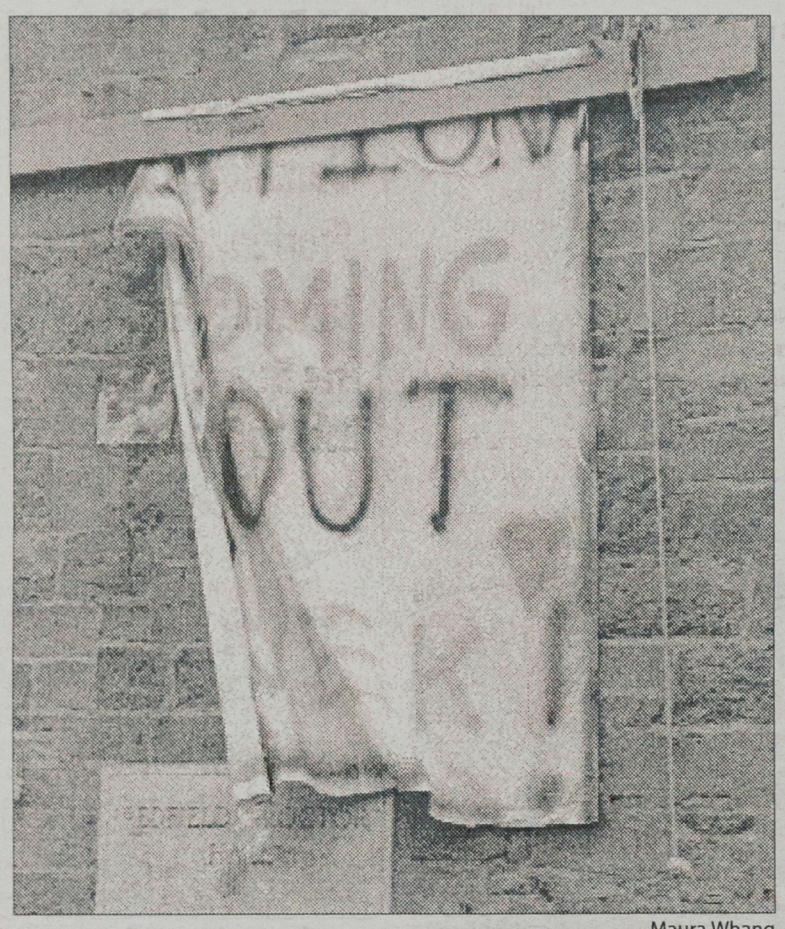
"Visibility is about being open and honest about your life and who your partner is without having to hide their gender," she added, noting that visibility does not have to be a grandiose statement of sexuality.

After the initial presentation, the panelists fielded questions and comments from the audience.

"There was quite a lively discussion. Most of the audience identified as gay, lesbian, bisexual or trans-gendered, so they were well informed," explained Threlkeld.

Becky Adams '03 said, "Visibility is vital for gays and lesbians so that people know they are a valid group working not for special rights, but for recognition as part of society."

In conjunction with the activities of the last week, moqa is sponsoring the Green Queens and Kings of the Jungle Drag Ball featuring a professional drag performer and possibly an opportunity for amateur karaoke performances by students. The Drag Ball will be held Oct. 27 in Pearsons Lounge at 9 p.m..



Maura Whang

During the past week a banner signaling the arrival of National Coming Out Week has hung outside of Proctor dining hall.

What About Bob?

By Bob Wainwright
Sports Editor

Before we begin, here is some advice for all you American literature and English majors. When writing papers on Nathaniel Hawthorne's The Scarlet Letter, one example of a bad title would be, "I won't be ashamed if you give me an 'A'." Also, try not to focus your papers on the Indian attack, because not only does it play a smaller role in the book than it does in the movie, it actually is not mentioned in the book at all. Unfortunately, that's the problem with most historically famous novels. They rarely do their movies justice. Now, let's get to what's important.

Were you aware that 100,000 dogs are killed each year by falling out of motor vehicles? This horrible statistic, which I heard yesterday from an avid animal activist, is one of the most frightening things I've heard since Dan Quale announced he was planning on running for President.

Can you imagine driving down some highway behind a Ford pickup, singing along to some Britney Spears, when suddenly a gigantic poodle, (scratch that) golden retriever, comes flying out of the pickup and through your windshield smacking you right in the face and causing you to totally miss the chorus of "Oops I did it again?"

It's disgusting, really. That said, however, I seriously doubt this particular avid animal activist's claim, because were it to be true, it would mean that 274 dogs die by falling out of vehicles each day (273 on a leap year) and that 11 dogs die in that manner every hour. This would most likely constitute a national emergency, and the most common topic of conversation at every water cooler would go something like this:

"Hey, Bill. Did ya hear that Joe's jack russell flew out of his Jeep on Monday?" "Yup, sure did, Bob. That's the second time this month it's happened too." "But didn't the first one survive by just breaking its neck?" "No man, usually when someone says the dog broke its neck, he's insinuating that it didn't survive." "Oh."

That, of course, is just one example of a cooler conversation were the statistic actually true. By no means would all conversations go like that. But the fact that it isn't true raises an important question. Hold on for a second while I grab a cup of coffee and think about what that question is....

Ah, yes. Why is it that whenever a story is told involving three really plain, ordinary guys, their names are Bill, Joe, and Bob? And furthermore, why is it that we as a country are consistently willing to latch onto statis-

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Jugglers' pyrotechnics explode onto the scene

By Alison Hertel
Features Editor

Have you ever thought about playing with fire?

Brian Pletcher '04, founder and president of Middlebury's newly formed juggling club, The Flying Fists Juggling Brigade, has. He eats, breathes and juggles fire. He said, "I have been eating fire for a little while now." He learned about fire eating on the web (www.fyretr.com).

> I've heard from other people that [joining the juggling club] is a good way to attract the opposite sex.
>
> —Abi Miranda '04

He said that the actual how-to information was a little hard to find, but he did. No injuries were sustained during the learning process, but he said, "it took a few days to get the hang of it."

He added, "it's really not as dangerous as you think." He is spreading fire eating to Middlebury, as well. He taught eight students in the first few weeks of school.

Now what does the college have to say about fire eating, breathing and juggling?

Well, Pletcher has had a run in with security. He was attempting fire breathing (taking a sip of kerosene spraying it out from your mouth and lighting it with a torch) on the lawn outside of Battell, when security noticed him.

He mentioned that he had permission from Ed Sullivan, safety officer, but security was not convinced. He did in fact have permission from Sullivan, but his permission was for fire juggling, not breathing.

The misunderstanding was cleared up, and now the juggler is looking for a place to store his kerosene (it is illegal to keep it in the dorms).

Pletcher has been juggling since his fourth grade summer when his parents sent him to clown camp. After camp he bought devil sticks, two hand sticks and one stick that you hit back and forth between them.

After this he learned to toss juggle, too. About four months ago he learned to contact juggle, rolling a ball around on your arms and body. He just got a set of juggling clubs. He has recently mastered juggling with four balls and is now learning to juggle with five.

He has yet to perform his juggling antics. He says that he is still an amateur. However, he did perform contact juggling once when his band was playing at a club.

He is obviously into juggling, but why a club? He said that he wants to "spread the juggling thing to Middlebury." Abiezer Miranda '04, vice president of the club, said that before meeting Pletcher he tried to juggle but never succeeded.

He said, "Now, I'm working on four balls and contact juggling with acrylic balls." Miranda said,

"It's all about creativity...Once you learn the basics you make up the moves."

The Flying Fists Juggling Brigade is not the first juggling club at Middlebury. The previous club started in the mid-1980s and ceased to exist about five years ago.

Already 48 people have signed up for the club (he welcomes more) based on poster advertisement alone.

Miranda said, "It was amazing how many people signed up." The signs even attracted five to 10 people with past experience.

According to Pletcher, the purpose of the club is to teach the members who don't know how to juggle and to form a performing group. Miranda said, "I've heard from other people that it is a good way to attract the opposite sex."

Andrew Corrigan

Brian Pletcher '04 demonstrates some techniques of juggling the clubs outside of Battell. Pletcher is the founder and president of the juggling club.

Currently the club is working out funding with the Student Activities Office. The jugglers meet every Friday at 5:30 p.m. in Bicentennial Hall, room 220, and Pletcher welcomes any interested persons. He can be reached at 4511.

Tourney brings debates home to Vt.

By Lisa Jasinski
Staff Writer

The Middlebury College Speech and Debate Union (MCSDU) is preparing to hold its second-annual parliamentary debate tournament. Named for the team's benefactor, the Edwin R. Lawrence Tournament will bring roughly 80 debaters to campus on October 20 and 21. All debaters are college students from other schools from the American Parliamentary Debate Association (APDA), including Williams, Smith, Amherst, Dartmouth and MIT. Each weekend, an APDA member school hosts a tournament open to all other member schools.

> Top teams are often separated by only a few points, wherein the winner of a tournament often comes down to weighing specific examples and personal style.

Parliamentary debate is extemporaneous. Debaters are forced to consider and advocate policy changes, philosophical and moral arguments, and even past historical events after only receiving a topic ten minutes prior to the round. For this reason, the debates tend to be lively and often humorous. Victors are determined based on rhetorical style and logical argumentation. Middlebury's team will provide topics for this year's tournament based on current international events, recent Vermont political activity, and even matters disputed during the presidential debates.

Beginning on Friday afternoon and continuing through Saturday evening, debates will take place in Bicentennial Hall classrooms. Each tournament features five-preliminary debate rounds, and as host institution, Middlebury students will act as judges rather than participants in the actual debate. Middlebury will also provide catered meals, host a party and provide an organized tournament infrastructure. The tournament will feature local eateries such as Noonie's deli, the Dog Team Tavern, and Neil and Otto's pizza to help complete the Middlebury experience.

In order to run a successful tournament, noted James Meader '01.5 team co-captain and judging director for the tournament, "we need to provide consistent and competent judging." Top teams are often separated by only a few points, wherein determining the winner of a tournament often comes down to weighing specific examples and personal style.

MCSDU has spent most of the fall focusing on ways to promote novice recruitment. "Although the team's senior members have attended a number of tournaments at

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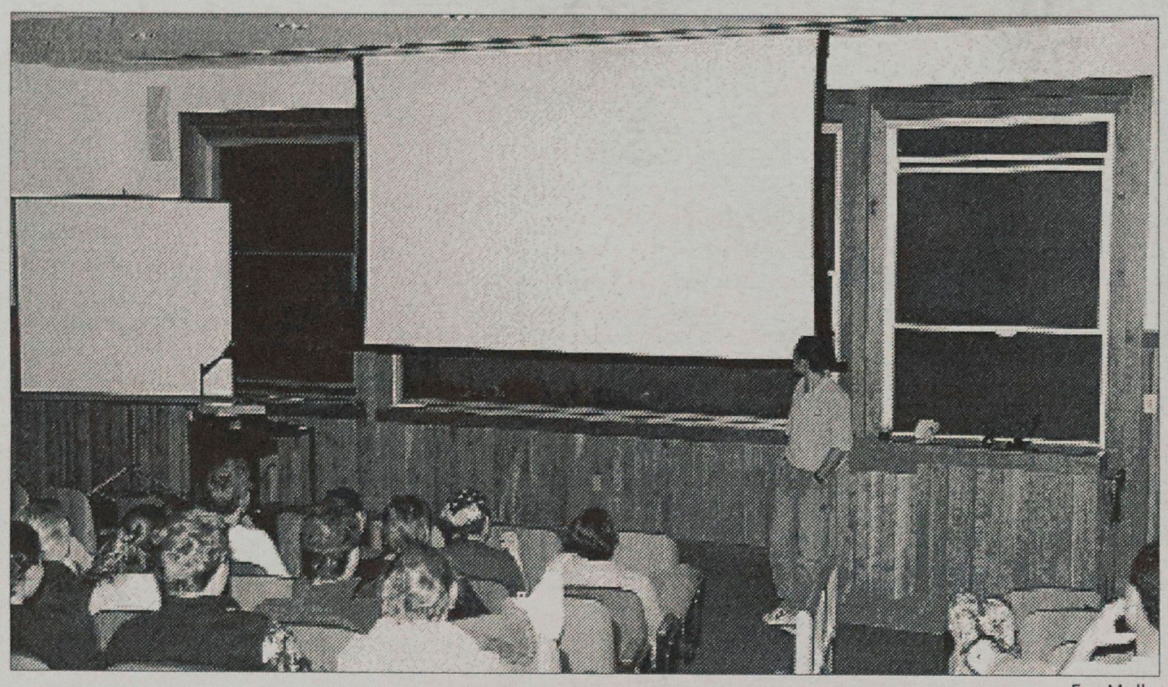
Verger: New experiences at home in the mountains

By Piper Platte
Staff Writer



Eva Moller

Rob Verger gave a presentation of his semester spent abroad in Nepal last Monday in Bicentennial Hall.

Last Thursday night in room 219 of Bicentennial Hall, Rob Verger '01 transported his audience from their small worlds of work, Proctor, McCullough...Middlebury, to one boasting of colorful Third World culture, immense mountain peaks, foreign smiling faces and the vision of a dream-like journey through Verger's School for International Training (SIT) semester abroad in Nepal. To whet our appetites, Verger kicked off the show with pictures of Katmandu's chaotic city streets. His pictures of brightly adorned women precariously perched sidesaddle upon speeding mopeds were brought to life by his passionate narration for this exotic land that resembled "nothing of America," as he put it. The streets were in turmoil, the colors brilliant, the air filthy and the cows plentiful. Verger remarked upon the fact that cows are considered holy and that a person could be sentenced to death for killing a cow while the penalty for murdering another human is often less harsh.

Drawing our attention away from the scenes of Katmandu, Verger began to click through pictures of his month long independent study project located in the Himalayas. Being that the Middlebury Mountain Club hosted the slide show, jaws around the room dropped in drooling awe as pictures depicting ominous range upon range of snow topped mountain giants reflected themselves upon the screen. Silence echoed through the room in respect for the scenes being displayed. As an English major at Middlebury, Verger chose to incorporate his writing skills into his independent project as he hiked throughout mountainous Nepali villages in search of tales and folklore surrounding the natural phenomenon that the village people exist amongst. Accompanying him on his journey, and making it possible, were two porters and an interpreter. While the interpreter, sporting blue jeans and sneakers at a rugged 12,000 feet, looked ill prepared to all the Mountain Club gear junkies in the room, the porters took the cake for toughness with their ability to carry pounds of gear through rain, sleet, snow and rivers wearing only dime store flip flops!

Verger expressed his amazement not only toward the scenery of this obviously enchanting area, but also towards the hospitality of the village folk. Many nights, Verger and his crew relied upon the villagers for lodging and food. They would all huddle into a thatched roof house around an open fire while the head of the family prepared their standard Dal-Bhat (rice and lentils) – there was no mention of freeze dried power food or even mac and cheese. The only catch in this situation of hospitality seemed to be that the thatched roofs were not engineered to have a vent, causing smoke from the open fire to fill the hut, clogging eyes and throats as everybody waited eagerly for the meal. Despite this, Verger seemed to have enjoyed every minute of his time spent amongst the villagers, inheriting a deep respect for the gently nature of these rustic mountain dwellers.

It had been Verger's wish all along that he would be able to genuinely give something back to these people, something more heartfelt than the pencils and candies that previous Westerners had spoiled the children with. Thus, when a young boy with oozing burn wounds was presented to Verger, he knew that his time had come in being able to complete the circle of reciprocity. Using his backpacking First Aid kit, Verger cleaned the boy's highly infected wounds while the youngster looked on stoically. Bandaging up his arm, Verger reached into his own pocket to dig out a few hundred Rupees (probably not more than 10 dollars) to give to the boy's father, instructing him to take the child to a hospital for further treatment of the threatening injury. From here, Verger had to hike on, not knowing whether the man pocketed the money or helped his son to recovery. However, he had done his will and acted out of the compassion of his heart, inspired by such a land and people.

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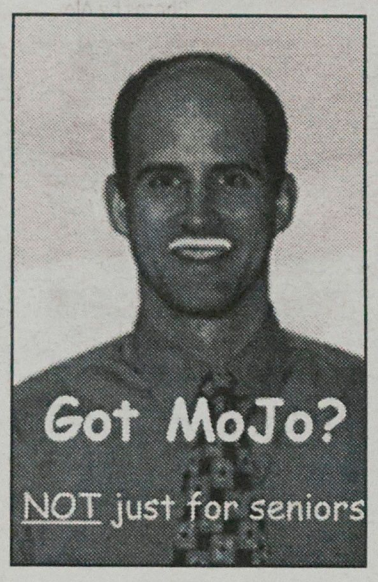
Leaving the crowd with one last picture of a towering mountain peak, Verger switched the lights back on, unwillingly shocking the onlookers back to their immediate realities of Middlebury. The viewers clapped vigorously in appreciation for the engaging show and, in crossing the threshold of room 219, each person departed with a piqued urge of inspiration, a desire to make reality out of dream as Verger did on his semester in Nepal.



Debaters to gather for face-off

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Williams, Harvard and Johns Hopkins," MCSDU hopes to expand its membership in time for the upcoming Lawrence Tournament, commented Adil Husain '01, MCSDU co-captain. "Novices are the key to building a well-rounded and continually successful team," he continued. In this, a presidential election year, the team hopes to spark new interest with more and more issues privy to deliberation.

Returning to the team, vice-president Jeremy Holiday '03 has played an integral role in running debate workshops for the team's membership. Due to the varied nature of previous speech-oriented experiences, the parliamentary team acts as a bridge, combining many rhetoric-based activities. Currently, the team has a number of experienced policy debaters, high school Lincoln-Douglas participants, and even others whom previously participated in Mock Trial and the like. The extemporaneous nature of parliamentary debate allows individuals to apply such experiences (or no previous experience at all) to a debate round.

The team's goal is to bring more of these events to the college community, to promote thoughtful public speech, and to bring relevant issues to the table....

Last week the team held a debate dinner to promote more public debating on Middlebury's campus. Following a Chateau dinner, an audience gathered for a demonstrative presentation of a mock parliamentary debate round.

The team's goal is to bring more of these events to the college community, to promote thoughtful public speech, and to bring relevant issues to the table for consideration.

In addition to team directed training, the team has hired a part-time debate coach. Jackie Massey, a coach for the nationally ranked UVM team, attends weekly meetings to help sharpen debating skills. Massey is also instrumental in expanding the Middlebury debate program to include CEDA – policy – debate. Mark Douglas '03 is the sole Middlebury policy debater but hopes to attract new membership from the incoming class. Again, interested students are encouraged to sit in on a weekly mock debate/tutorial session on Wednesday evenings in the Chateau, Room B at 8 p.m..

In the meantime, while the team prepares for upcoming tournaments at Columbia University, Brown University, in Toronto, and the World Championships in Glasgow Scotland, the majority of MCSDU's energy is devoted to hosting the second tournament. Last year's event, held in February, was an overwhelming success, bringing together flawless planning, exciting debate rounds, and drawing a large participant pool. This year's staff, including tab director Joanna Matthew '03, housing director Yoshi Komada '03, and entertainment director Aaron Sawchuk '02, will ensure another successful event.

The final round will be held in Bicentennial Hall (219) on Saturday at 3:45 p.m., and all members of the community are encouraged to attend.

Pooh Corner

By Benji Perin
Staff Writer

Reading books, I've decided, is hazardous to your health. Today, for instance, I sat outside Starr Library on the little bench that goes around the tree there. And I took an informal poll. I asked people, "What part of your body ails you because you've been reading books?" I understand that's a bit of a leading question, but hey, it's a free country. Out of a total sample size of eight individuals (including me), I found two sore butts, a tender back, a hurt brain, overall fatigue, cramping of the shoulders and neck and a sight for sore eyes. I mean a pair of sore eyes.

I was, and am, the bearer of the eye problem. It turns out that in only five weeks of school my eyesight has become noticeably worse at long distances. I can't even find the bathroom anymore without my spectacles. It pleases me, at the very least, to consider how wonderfully ironic it is that in my quest for knowledge and broader intellectual horizons; I'm literally going blind to the world around me.

But hey, bodies are just bodies. They ache, creak, break, etc. Haven't we all come to expect at least a little discomfort from sitting in a hard wooden chair for excessive stretches of time? Anyway, what I'm really concerned about is my mind. Don't tell anyone, but not without frequency, I come quite close to going crazy. Really losing it and I'm not kidding. Why? Books. Books. Books.

You see, (as you may know from previous articles), I'm an English major. So I read literature all the time. I love literature, in fact the only classes that got me riled up during the beginning of the semester and during registration were English classes. So I'm taking four of them. But I'm beginning to regret this fact.

Why? You may ask. Doesn't wretched excess of any good thing make it better?

The amount of class and reading is not my primary concern. The real problem is that writers are crazy. Crazy. Most of them have a problem, or see a societal imbalance, or a logical or illogical gap in the stream of what goes on in the world and they sit in a room, alone, for days and weeks and months and write about it. Especially Russians and 20th Century authors. They are, for the most part, disturbed people and so they ask disturbing questions. Under normal circumstances, I love this. That's why I'm an English major. I like to read artful insights to the world. What a way to pass the time while other folks slave over memorizing each enzyme of the Krebs Cycle, which they'll

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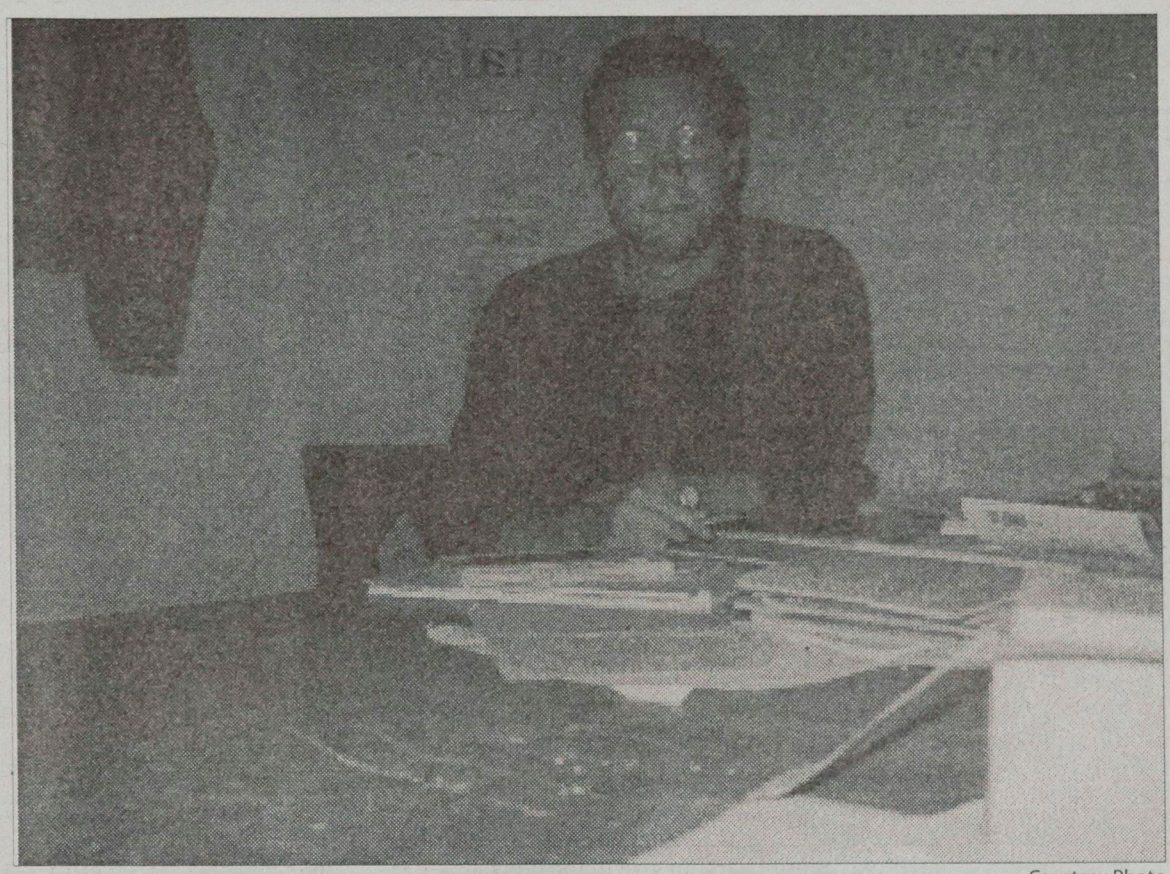

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Jason Price '99 has been working with the Peace Corps in Malawi since his graduation from Middlebury.

Scoring the toughest job he'll ever love

By Devin Zatorski
Staff Writer

When Jason Price '99 was playing youth soccer for the Thistle Club in Kearney, New Jersey, a hotbed of soccer in the United States, he didn't know that former club members, John Harkes (captain of the US Men's National Soccer Team) and Tony Meola (recently named Major League Soccer's Goalkeeper of the Year), would attain a place in the world soccer spotlight.

But it would have been even harder for Price to imagine that his own abilities would one day lead him to a spot on the world soccer stage—as goalkeeping coach for the national soccer team of Malawi, now preparing for the World Cup.

"I can't accept anything as this is part of my work [in the Peace Corps]," Price told Blantyre Newspapers of Malawi. "I am just grateful to be accepted."

His active involvement in soccer (Price also helps coach the local high school team) represents the "lighter side" of his work in Malawi, said his mother, Kathi Price, of Nutley, New Jersey. As a member of the Peace Corps, Price's primary role is to teach English to Malawian children in the rural village of Mzimba, nestled among rolling hills and greenery in a landscape reminiscent of rural Vermont. He has four or five classes, with up to 100 students in any given class.

Daily, Price confronts the challenges of teaching without ample supplies, but the respect his students have for him makes the experience more than worthwhile. For his mother's birthday, his students sent a card that showed not only their respect for Price, but their "hunger for education," Kathi Price recalled.

The third component of Price's work in Malawi is caring for AIDS patients, which, like his coaching, he does of his own volition, aside from the Peace Corps assignment. At one point, he told his mother that he might have to stay in Malawi and open an orphanage because so many parents and grandparents have died from the disease, leaving children to fend for themselves in the countryside or to rely on the good will of others.

This "roller coaster ride" of an experience has been Price's dream since high school. "He wanted to have a story, and this will be it," Kathi Price said. "The experience will profoundly change him."

Price's volunteer work during his time at Middlebury, however, also tells quite an impressive story. The sociology major and goalkeeper for the soccer team headed the Habitat for Humanity group on campus, traveling to Guatemala one Winter Term to help build a school. He also led Community Friends, an organization that pairs Middlebury students with children in the community. During another Winter Term, he traveled to the island of Tyree, Scotland, population 300, to film a social service documentary on youths.

Price's roommate from Middlebury, Matt Saxton '99 from San Diego, also joined the Peace Corps and is currently working with street gangs in the Philippines. Another friend from Middlebury is a Peace Corps volunteer in Morocco focussing on economic issues. And Price's sister, Ashley '03.5, plans to travel to Malawi this Winter Term to assist her brother in his work there.

Perhaps the hallmark of Price's work in Malawi has been his effort to establish a scholarship fund in memory of Elfrida Kumwenda, whose untimely death occurred just days before she was to assume leadership of Chikangawa CDSS, the school where Price teaches.

Price, who chairs the scholarship fund, appeals to the Middlebury community and beyond to support women's education in secondary school and college, thereby opening a "doorway to social justice and gender equality" in Malawi.

Since Malawi Peace Corps volunteers work at a grassroots level, Price explains, they are able to select ideal candidates for the scholarship and monitor their progress. One hundred percent of donations will go to young women in need.

Lies, more lies, and dodo statistics

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tics provided to us by people who will benefit from us believing what their statistics supposedly prove?

Fact: 79 percent of people are swayed by articles that use statistics to back up their claims. The other 21 percent are Alaskan Eskimos, who firmly believe in eating only red meat and that polls are the work of the devil.

Fact: The above numbers are completely false, and incorrect, and untrue, and redundant.

And yet, I'm positive that before the Eskimo thing, many of you might have thought that the statistic had some weight behind it. Did you know that approximately 60 percent of statistics in magazines and newspapers are stilted in some way? No, you didn't, because I just made that up!

Nowhere do we see such baseless statistics more often than on the Internet, a superhighway of technical information invented by Al Gore early in the Clinton era. For instance, a website devoted to saving the dodo bird might ask the question "Do you believe the dodo bird should be saved?" You then vote "yes" and the computer tells you that 98 percent of people agree with you.

But what you must remember is that this is a website devoted to saving the dodo bird, and why would you visit such a site if you weren't interested in saving the dodo? Of course 98 percent of people agree with you, and if it weren't for those two sick and vile individuals who clearly have no conception of how special the dodo is, that number would be 100!

So, in closing, be careful what you read and believe. Because if something looks particularly peculiar the best thing anyone can do is make like George W. and yell, "That man is practicing fuzzy math!"

Disgruntled English major burns books

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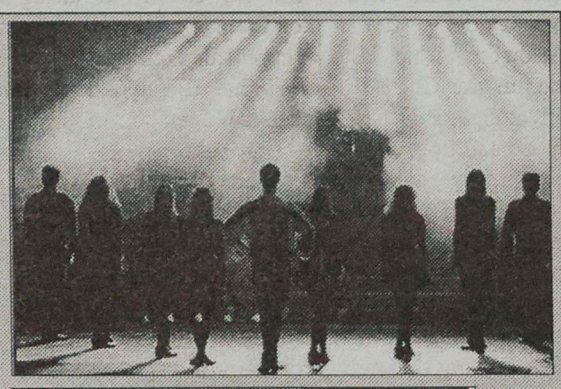
probably forget in a week or two anyway.

But there are only so many disturbing questions one can ponder before becoming disturbed oneself. Recently I've read "War and Peace," "The Brother's Karamozov," "The Invisible Man" and "Seize the Day" by Saul Bellow. Next is "Lolita" and I just don't think I can hack pedophilia after contemplating the gathered neurosis of Tolstoy, Dostoevsky, Ellison and especially Bellow. It's going to drive me over the edge really soon, if I'm not careful. I suppose, however, given my four classes of English, that I have no choice. I guess I'll just keep reading and thinking.

But if you see a myopic, goofy looking kid setting fire to a pile of thick books on the front stoop of Starr Library, giggling uncontrollably as he pours on the white gas and shrieks at the flames, give him a cookie and a kind word, because it might help bring him home again.



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What is your most interesting Friday the 13th experience?

Compiled by Claire Bourne

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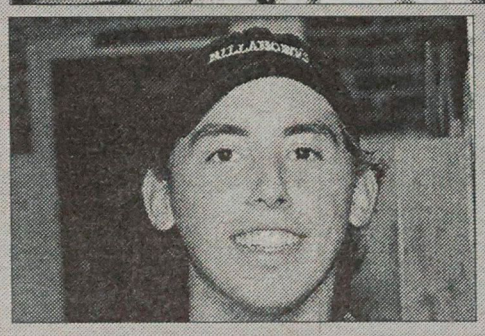
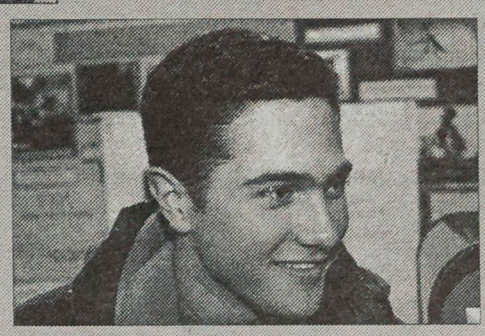


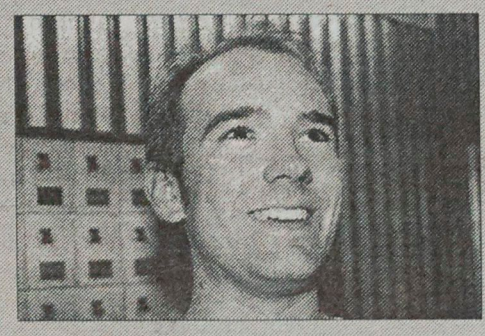
"I went and saw Riverdance on Broadway."

-Burch Fisher '03



"I found myself sitting naked in the middle of a field without knowing where I was."

-Joe Palombo '04



"I had my car stolen by pirates."

-Tom Marks '01

"I was convinced it was Saturday, so I didn't go to school."

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'Hula-hoops aren't made for one': Otters shock and incite

By Kate DeForest
Staff Writer

It was midnight, Wednesday, and I was primed and ready to be entertained.

As I elbowed my way through the cheap seats to get a chair along the wall in the front of Pearsons, I was surprised at the size of the crowd that showed up for this year's second on-campus Otter Nonsense performance. I actually found myself wondering as to what technically constituted a fire hazard and if the room's ventilation could provide enough oxygen for all of my alveoli just straining for some fresh air.

As Otters Sam Elmore '01, Lyle Yetmen '01, Steve Waltie '01, Jason Lemire '01, Tara Giordano '02, Ben LaBolt '03 and Andy Mitton '01 (on piano), entered the room amidst the hoots and hollers of the many Otter aficionados, I could tell that evening was not going to be a disappointment.

The dynamic of the Otters this year is one that works quite well. The players seem to be enjoying the same sort of easy rapport and enjoyment that marked their shows last year. However, one of the major differences I noticed this year was that the structures they performed did not run past their prime. Last year was marked with quite a few performances that ran a little long on time and a little short on funny, but this year the group seems to have cured themselves of that ill.

The structures or skits that the Otters presented were some I had seen before and some that were new to me, including an Emotion Zones, in which the performers' schizophrenic tendencies are encouraged for the viewer's entertainment, the object of the game being to change emotions as they move from triangle to triangle taped to the floor.

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The first structure was, in my opinion, the best and a favorite from last year. "Encyclopedia Entries" a game in which members attempt to describe a historical event Ho Chi Minh in the case of Wednesday night, facing "Death By... " if one should err by using a conjunction, induced uncontrollable giggling to the outright belly laugh throughout what seemed to be the entire audience.

Maybe there was some sullen, too-cool-for-laughter young adult in the back, who didn't find the sketch amusing, but I didn't notice, being too busy trying to catch my breath.

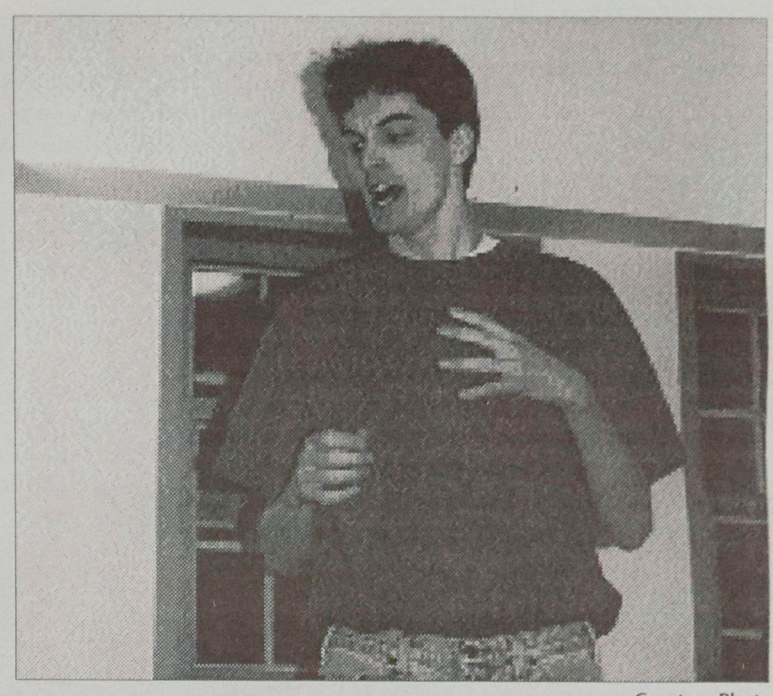
Newcomer LaBolt showed he had the right stuff during his "Death By Yo-Yo Ma," allowing much of the audience to realize just how funny Mr. Ma and the cello really can be. Yells of "You the man, Yo-Yo Ma!" reverberated throughout the hall.

Waltien's "Death By Stromboli" was an ode to that rolled Italian goodie worthy of the notice of any "Iron Chef" fan. If I hear the line "It's a little heavy on the death," again, it'll be a good day.

The structure was won by Lemire, through his amazing restraint concerning the use of conjunctions.

The finale of the show was a "Scene to Song" featuring LaBolt and Lemire. The article concerned: the hula-hoop. Now the words "hula-hoop" are funny in and unto themselves, but in the hands of the Otters they become hysterically so.

Humming the refrain, "Hula-hoops aren't made for one," the audience filed out of Pearsons Lounge (if they didn't jump out the windows), a little happier than when they had entered.



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Otter Nonsense player Steve Waltien '01 performs with the Otters for an on-campus show last spring.

One funky night, two wild, crazy guys

By Mike Csaszar & Uzay Topuz
Staff Writers

Parliament/Funkadelic
Higher Ground
Winooski, VT
October 12, 2000

In today's economy, what can $18 buy us two guys? It could buy us the first chapter of a calculus text book, half of a lift ticket at Okemo or two jugs of Carlo Rossi wine from Baba's on a Sunday. But the biggest bang for our buck definitely came from tickets to see Parliament at Higher Ground on Thursday night.

As we tailgated outside around 9 p.m. the tour bus pulled up. It was pimped out with purple racing stripes and velvet couches inside. A small sign in the window read, "Don't worry, it only seems kinky the first time!" Uzay immediately turned to me and exclaimed, "Mike, we have to be rock stars!" I could only laugh because I knew we were in for a party.

Inside Higher Ground, hundreds of people began to roar as the lights dimmed down and seven of the best dressed performers I have ever seen in my life walked onto the stage: fish nets, bath robes, capes and afros. Even McCullough couldn't top it. They immediately began to fire us up, yelling "Are you ready to get funked up?!"

As the bass was grooving in the background and the keyboards raged, members of the band came out, one by one, each with their own elaborate costume. When they were done, 12 performers packed the stage.

Some songs like "Party-Down People" were new, some songs like "Maggot Song" were more like Metallica-driven rock tunes with full-blown guitar solos, but we definitely heard the classic Parliament that we all love and admire. It wasn't too far into the show before we were all jumping to "P.Funk (Wants to get Funked Up)" and "Flashlight." The entire place was dancing; heads bopping, arms in the air, getting the funk on. The first set lasted about 75 minutes and we were assured by the band that "the party was just getting started."

After a quick costume change, they were back out telling us to shake our booties. The second set featured "Give up the Funk (Tear the Roof off the Sucka)" and our personal favorite, "Up for the Down Stroke." Things really took off. At times there were 10 to 20 people from the audience on stage dancing with the band. It was well-supervised madness.

A little after midnight, having been playing for almost two hours, the band bid us goodnight. Our legs were aching, we were sweaty and tired, but we wanted more! It didn't take long to get those funky boys and girls back on stage for an encore.

Two more grooves were thrown out before the show ended; over two and a half hours of funk. Hundreds of people danced for hours with no problems, no security issues, no vomiting, no public sex, at least none that Uzay and I happened to see. It is too bad that we must look to Burlington for opportunities like this one and that more bands like Parliament can't be brought to us, rather than us having to go to them. That way more of us can enjoy the meats of our cultural stew.

Crowe takes high road over rock's underside

By Elizabeth Logue
Arts Editor

"Almost Famous"
Now Showing in: Middlebury

"Simon and Garfunkel is about drugs and promiscuous sex." Of course that is a major understatement, void of any consideration of the poeticism and musical talent of Simon and Garfunkel, or rock-and-roll as a whole for that matter. But this is how the mother of two in the recently released "Almost Famous" boldly describes rock. The overprotective mother of a rebellious teenage girl and a prepubescent, aspiring rock critic son, William Miller, is portrayed with perfection by Francis McDormand. Exuding a maternal aura, McDormand plays a remarkably intelligent college professor and mother with an ability to frighten just about everyone with her fiery, but for the most part, thought-provoking intensity.

Popular music, with its power to create worshipping fans, elicit the deepest of emotions and serve as a haven for some of the heaviest drugs around, is a familiar scene for "Almost Famous" director Cameron Crowe. William Miller (Patrick Fugit), the film's leading man, is an awkward, intellectually gifted 15-year-old misfit with a knack for writing and a love of rock-and-roll, who lands a job as a music critic for Rolling Stone magazine. The leading character is no stranger to Crowe given that William Miller is a mirror image for the adolescent life of Crowe, himself formerly an aspiring music critic. Despite this, Crowe freely blurs the details of his life, creating all sorts of wildly fictional characters, but developing each with such brilliance that it leaves even an audience informed of young Miller's similarities with the director with a distorted sense of what is autobiographical versus what is fiction.

Miller's assignment from Rolling Stone magazine is to follow the fast track band Stillwater, as they go on an extended tour. The band, which includes Jason Lee, as the lead singer and Billy Crudup as the lead guitarist, is accompanied by a bunch of female groupies whose ringleader is the strikingly beautiful Penny (Kate Hudson), who is also sexually involved with the married lead guitarist, Russell (Billy Crudup). Despite Penny's constantly jovial and ready-to-party image, Crowe develops her into a complicated, naive character who is being mislead and used by the band, particularly by Russell.

The impressionable writer William struggles throughout the film with getting a concrete story from the band while handling his intensely overprotective mother over the telephone in sometimes riotous situations driven by psychedelic drugs and alcohol. William, as far as we know, stays away from using drugs himself, though substances are not the driving force in the movie, but rather are used only to add to the image of a 1970s rock group. While it was

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CFA Concert Hall 8 p.m.

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Touring to the end: Newman at Flynn

By Carl Larson
Staff Writer

Randy Newman
The Flynn
Addison Groove Project
Red Square
Bob London and the Rolling Trolls
Everywhere

Saturday, October 14

Of all the older musicians and bands I've seen, Randy Newman was most aware of his limited term on this planet. In his song "I'm Dead But I Don't Know It," Newman explains that musicians of his generation tour until they die and never realize that musically they died a long time ago. But Newman is far from dead. Recently, he has been focusing on writing scores for films like Toy Story, Pleasantville and A Bug's Life.

His live show focuses on the music for which he is famous. Since the mid '60s Randy Newman has been making some people laugh and infuriating others with nothing but his deep drawl and mellow-but-quirky piano arrangements. Hits like "Short People," "Sail Away," and "Mama Told Me Not to Come" (which was made famous by Three Dog Night), sparked enough interest in Newman to generate a substantial following.

At Saturday's concert, Randy Newman and his piano told it like it is. He played his new hits, like "You've Got a Friend in Me" as well as old ones like "Political Science (Let's Drop the Big One Now)." In between each two-minute work of biting satire and off-kilter boogie-woogie piano, Newman left the mostly middle-aged crowd chuckling at his self-deprecating ramblings. Topics ranged from his children to Karl Marx to Phish and it all made sense. The subject matter of his songs was even more diverse.

Newman often depicts misfits and bigots, sometimes in first person. Like Andy Kaufman, Randy Newman makes very little effort to tell his listeners "This is not me. This is just a character." So he's controversial and a lot of people hate him. Some people just don't get it. Valid complaints might be "his songs all sound the same" or "he whines a lot." I disagree, but if you're not willing to listen carefully to the intricacies of his music or the meanings of his lyrics, don't expect to enjoy Randy Newman. People were not dancing in the aisles at this show. They sat, legs crossed, index finger to temple, focused on what Randy Newman and his piano had to say.

Like Andy Kaufman, Randy Newman makes very little effort to tell his listeners: "This is not me. This is just a character." So a lot of people hate him.

After the show, I got to go backstage and meet Mr. Newman with some obsessed fans from Canada. I watched as he talked with them about his work, his future plans and current musical tastes. When I told him that I was writing a review, he took the chance to write his own on my notepad "Loved it! This man... This man... What can one say?" Well, I have a lot more to say about him now than I did last year. I tick off one more musician on my list.

After the show I stopped over at Red Square where the fun had just started. Nectar's stew in my hand, I stood in the alley and watched "Addison Groove Project" do what they do best: jam. AGP is a group of young guys from Wellesley, Mass., who play some mean jazz/funk fusion. Two saxophones, bass, guitar, drums and an organ can make a lot of noise and AGP did just that. This was the opposite of what I had just seen. This was loud, funky music with occasional, lame lyrics. It was free and there was plenty of dancing. It rounded out my evening, but not completely.

The finishing touch was getting a chance to speak with one of Burlington's best free-lance musician, Bob London. Perhaps you've seen the British guy on Church Street with a one-man band, festooned with plastic trolls and playing Beatles songs. Well, all good things must come to an end and Bob London and the Rolling Trolls are fleeing chilly Burlington for Key West. In Florida, Bob will continue his 36 year-old tradition of touring the world and sharing his talent of playing guitar, harmonica, kazoo and drums all at once. His entertaining, happy performances and witty, worldly stories (like the one he told me on Saturday about performing for and then getting wasted with the Munich chief of police) will not soon be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to have witnessed a leg of his journey.

No Strings Attached

Courtesy Photo

The Raphael Trio will perform with mezzo soprano Desiree Halac this Saturday evening in the CFA Concert Hall. For tickets, call 443-MIDD.

Flowery view of rock 'n roll, young love

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refreshing to see that Crowe was able to direct a movie based essentially on the lifestyle of rock stars and their fans, he did perhaps evade the harsh reality of drug overdoses and other related incidences. A likely story, with perhaps a much less-than-realistic ending: after a night of acid, Stillwater's lead guitarist Russell takes a leap head first off the roof of a garage, landing in a swimming pool, unscathed, suffering only from the paranoid side effects of LSD.

Though Crowe acknowledges the presence of drugs and sexual exploitation, he perhaps glides too freely over the enticing drug scene and sex with a less-than-dramatic drug overdose, while nearly all the sexual exploitation of the female groupies is implicit and occurs behind closed doors. Most other directors would have opted for less emotionally developed characters in favor, perhaps, of a more vivid depiction of sex, drugs and rock-and-roll.

At the back of young William's mind throughout the film echo the words of wisdom from self-proclaimed loser and legendary music critic portrayed flawlessly by Philip Seymour Hoffman, who cautions the budding writer to not befriend the musicians. The musicians, he says, are not interested in friendship, but rather only in how the critic will portray them.

Rock-and-roll is not the most glamorous of the arts. Crowe does a poignant job of knitting together a charming look at the rock-and-roll scene and then allowing it to meticulously unravel.

When first hearing this advice, William is in total agreement. Yet maintaining a professional relationship with the band members once on tour proves to be something more than an impossible task. By mid-tour the audience can perceive that William has entered a domain that will make it difficult, if not impossible, to write an objective story on the rising stars, coping with their fast-growing popularity in the face of increasing tension within the band itself.

Rock-and-roll is not the most glamorous of the arts. Crowe does a poignant job of knitting together a charming look at the rock-and-roll scene and then allowing it to meticulously unravel as the lies, drugs and sex seem to take over the lives of Stillwater. From the beginning, the film begs the audience to love rock and roll. William's passionate teenage sister worships rock and roll, while his middle-aged mother damns its promiscuous ways, proven by the glitzy Stillwater groupies who seem to have so much fun partying with the band and each other. Crowe allows the audience to love the lifestyle just long enough to make us sad when it begins to crumble, just as the knowledge that Stillwater guitarist Russell has a wife at home allows the audience to question Penny's role in Russell's life. One gets the impression from the beginning that Penny is in love. Quickly enough, it becomes apparent that Russell is using her for sex and companionship while on the road. One also can't help but wonder who Penny really is and why she has left her home to join Stillwater on the road (Penny is not even her real name). Through Penny's exploitation, young William loses his virginity to not one, but three girls at once. Drugs and alcohol begin to have a more prominent role when Crowe delves into the personal side of Stillwater where the band members do not get along and, in fact, deeply resent one another.

"Almost Famous" is presently playing in Middlebury and it comes most highly recommended from this critic as it is totally honest, a rare quality in the Hollywood film scene that seems to be in an ongoing competition for the most money at the box office; often the box office hits are packed with violence, sex and gore. Yet Crowe has created a film that stands on its own with superb acting based heavily on an esteemed music critic's advice to a newcomer and the ups and downs of rock and roll.

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Boyd sets pace for men amidst top-ranked field

By Kate Irvin
Staff Writer

This weekend, the Middlebury men's cross country team competed against the region's elite at the Open New England Championships in Boston. The meet boasted entries from top-ranked division I, II, and III schools, including such powerhouses as Providence College, Keene State College, Brown University, Yale University and Boston College. The team placed 35th overall in an extremely competitive field of 42 teams.

> **Due to the fast, competitive nature of the field, it was a race which gave the team great experience that they can build on for the conference championships in two weeks.**
>
> **— Coach Terry Aldrich**

Back to his usual speedy self after struggling with an achilles injury, Marshall Boyd '02 led the Panthers across the line in 138th place. His time of 26:51 was over a minute and a half faster than his previous best this year.

Boyd was pleased with his race, as he remarked after finishing, "I feel like I am back on track. My time today was where I would expect it to be at this point in the season."

Running together in Boyd's wake were senior co-captains Tom Santoro '01 and Mike Cooley '01, who finished close together in times of 27:33 and 27:38 respectively.

> **Moran ran the phenomenal time of 28:24, which would have placed him sixth for Middlebury in the varsity race.**

Both of their times were improvements for the season, a remarkable feat for Cooley especially, due to the fact that he was suffering from mild sleep-deprivation after a long week of medical school interviews.

Following the two seniors was a steady stream of Panther blue led by Mike Mazzotta '03, who, along with Mike Unger '03, has continued to improve since his breakthrough performance earlier this season. They crossed the line in 28:02 and 28:20 respectively. Rounding out the Panther pack were Tim Weston '03 (28:47) and Nat Silverson '04 (28:47).

Other notable meet performances were turned in by Mike Moran '02 and Simon Isaacs '03.5, who competed in the open race later that day. Moran ran the phenomenal time of 28:24, which would have placed him sixth for Middlebury in the varsity race. He was followed by Isaacs who posted a time of 28:53.

Coach Terry Aldrich was pleased with the results, saying, "Due to the fast, competitive nature of the field, it was a race which gave the team great experience that they can build on for the conference championships in two weeks."

Santoro agreed with Aldrich, adding, "We saw better times than we've been running all season. I feel that we did well considering the strength of the field and the fact that we have just begun to do speedwork. I'm confident that as we focus on getting the team healthy and start to do more speed, our times will continue to drop."

With that positive outlook in mind, the harriers are hitting the trails and fields of Middlebury to get in a few more key workouts before they travel to Amherst in two weeks to challenge their rivals at the NESCAC Championships.

Martelle, Lavin blaze offensive trail

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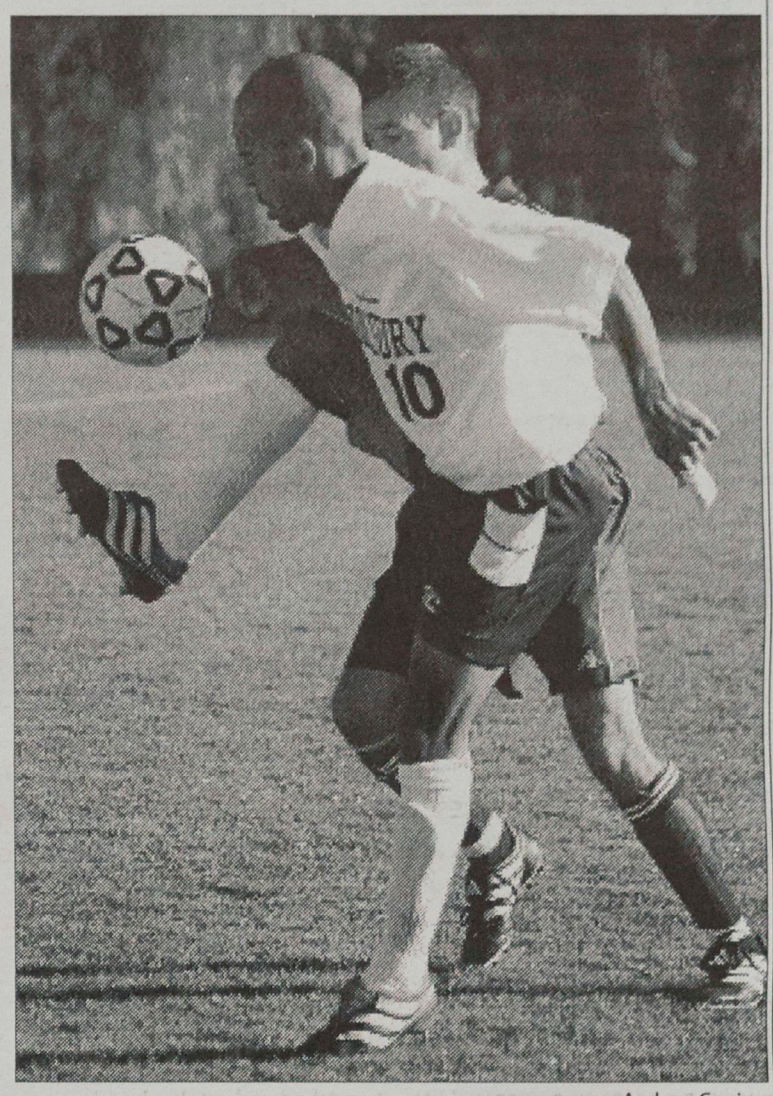
After the goal the Panthers sat back and played out the game. Despite a bid by Conor Shapiro '03 with the left foot, there was little offense the rest of the game.

The game Sunday pitted the Panthers against Bates. As in the Amherst game, Middlebury played outstanding soccer. They allowed Bates no breathing room and took the play to the Bobcats on their home turf.

Middlebury's complete effort included just one goal but it was a well-taken goal at that. Junior captain and standout Nelson Martelle placed a precise cross from the right-hand side into Lavin. Lavin, positioned between two Bates defenders, volleyed the cross past the helpless keeper. The goal stood and Middlebury went on to win its seventh game in a row.

Hamm won NESCAC player of the week honors last week. He did so recording three shutouts in just six days of whirlwind play. Hamm now has six shutouts this season. He has been as steady a presence as anyone this season for the Panthers. Kudos to Hamm for the honors.

Middlebury is home for two games before heading to Williams to finish the regular season. St. Michael's and Trinity will make the trips to Middlebury this week.



Andrew Corrigan

Jahi Rohrer '01 battles for the ball with a Norwich player during an exciting men's soccer game which won 1-0 in overtime.

Defense continues streak with yet another shutout

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were in the Williams red zone and failed to score.

At the midpoint of the year, Heinecken said "I'm delighted to have beaten some teams we have struggled against in the past (Williams and Amherst), but it's a bummer to have played a bad half against Colby. But that is a thing of the past and we have to be ready for every game every week, no matter who our opponent."

On Saturday, Middlebury faces a deceptive Bates team, whose 0-4 record does not tell the casual fan that they haven't lost by more than 6 points and they even took Williams to overtime.

They are led by running back Shawn Atkins, who is a two-time NESCAC player of the week and is averaging 125 yards/game. Atkins will match up nicely against Middlebury's own NESCAC player of the week, linebacker Andy Steele '01. Steele earned the honor for his play against Amherst two weeks ago for his 15 tackles and Middlebury-record four sacks in the game. If Steele thwarts Atkins and Sanchez runs unchecked, Middlebury's chances look good.

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Praise for Roy

By Alan Topalian
Staff Writer

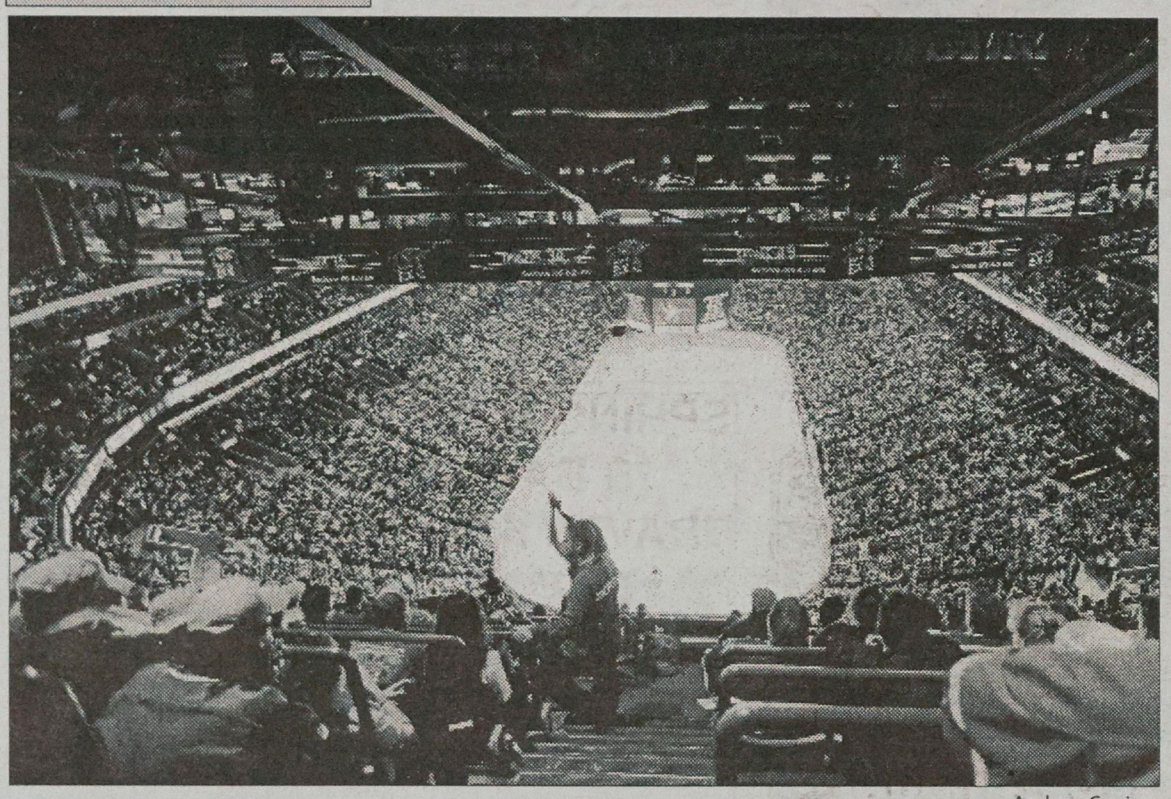
While the sports sections of newspapers everywhere can do nothing but dream up idiotic puns praising New York and the imminent "subway series," a more historic and definitely less upsetting topic is overlooked: Patrick Roy's capturing the record for wins by a goalie.

Roy's eclipsing of Terry Sawchuk's mark of 447 wins is the greatest record set in hockey by a player other than Wayne Gretzky. He earned the majority of those victories while playing in Montreal, a city in which the attitude surrounding the Canadiens is as mellow as Compton was in 1992. Montreal demands success from the Habs and Roy responded by not only leading the team to the Stanley Cup as a twenty-year-old rookie in 1986, but also earning the Con Smythe trophy as the playoff MVP. This achievement was about as insignificant as a third-party candidate winning a presidential election. In 1993, Roy led his team, which had finished third in its division, to another Cup win, and again he was the postseason MVP.

Despite an embarrassing and attitude-filled exit from Montreal, during which he displayed all the grace of a drunken kid trying to walk up an icy hill, he rebounded in Colorado to win yet another Stanley Cup. However, in all those years that his teams did not prevail with the Cup, he always guided his squads to competitive seasons.

Roy's success will not only be remembered by his win total. He was the first goalie to popularize the now standard butterfly style of netminding, which has replaced the more archaic upright fashion. His success in 1986 validated the revolutionary method and it is now performed by almost every goalie of repute.

Terry Sawchuk's record had stood since 1970, and was comparable to Hank Aaron's home run record. No goalie has been good enough for long enough to catch Sawchuk prior to Roy, and Roy's mark will not be touched by any of his contemporaries.



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The Molson Center, home of the Montreal Canadians, saw Patrick Roy win the majority of his games. Now the all-time leader in wins for a goalie plays for the Colorado Avalanche in Denver at the Pepsi Center.

Field hockey needs a little help to make playoffs

By Ben Dow
Sports Editor

As we have seen with many sports dynasties, you can't win them all. The same holds true for one of our own dynasties, the women's field hockey squad. The team was national champions at the end of the 1998 season and its coach, Missy Foote, was the regional and national coach of the year.

This team, although laden with the talent that the championship team helped recruit, has assuredly not had the success this season that the other squads have recently enjoyed. The team's record stands at 4-8, with two pivotal home games against St. Michael's College and Trinity University coming up this week.

It is not yet certain whether Middlebury will make the seven team NESCAC tournament, but coach Foote likes the Panthers' prospects and thinks things are "really starting to come together at this point," just in time for the playoffs.

A deeper look at the team reveals much more than their record: of their eight losses, five were by only one goal. Two of those losses were in overtime. Also, the NESCAC is one of the best conferences in the country with perennially strong Williams and Amherst Colleges. In addition to these challenges are non-conference foes Skidmore College, Keene State College and Springfield College. The team is 1-3 in non-conference play.

One thing the team has on its side is youth. Of the three leading scorers, all of whom have four goals on the year, Keely Murphy is a first-year and Char Glessner is a February sophomore, which gives her three more seasons of eligibility. The other leader, Sarah Theall '01, is one of the two senior captains, the other being Kristin Behr. The goalkeeper, Becca Randall '03, is another component of the team's youthful core. She is currently averaging a solid 2.23 goals allowed per game.

When asked what she saw as the team's greatest liabilities, coach Foote cited that both youth and learning to play full time on Middlebury's new AstroTurf field have conspired to make this an experience-gaining season. Six of the 14 varsity roster spots are filled by first-years and all six of those women start.

Also, the differences between natural and artificial turf are innumerable. The ball travels faster and bounces harder, the offense loses its quickness advantage and wet turf behaves differently than wet grass. As Foote was quick to point out, "it takes a while to become a turf team."

The team's biggest asset right now is potential and it will undoubtedly be a major force when there are six seniors, all whom will have been four-year varsity starters on turf.

Glessner, in a static-riddled telephone interview, concurred with Foote, commenting, "everyday in practice our team improves." On the position of the two captains, she speculated, "It must be hard for them, with this being a rebuilding time. But to see this team improvement is good. We have improved so much, huge amounts from the first time we played to the last."

Coach Foote's most reassuring memory of this season was the team's 1-0 loss to Amherst on October 7. At that point she realized that "all the things we had stressed were coming together and that it wasn't all for naught." Leaving the team even though her first-years have "come along so nicely" is hard for Foote, but her legacy will definitely be seen as these players mature into the nucleus of the team.

Any way you slice him, Hamm is good

By Andrew Zimmermann
Staff Writer

The Middlebury Panthers played three games this past week and won all three by a combined difference of three goals. As the season winds down, the games are certainly not getting any easier. The 8-1-2 Panthers still have games against conference foe Trinity University and juggernaut Williams College, who sits atop the NESCAC with an 11-0 overall record.

Men's Soccer

Wednesday, October 11th

Norwich	0
Middlebury	1

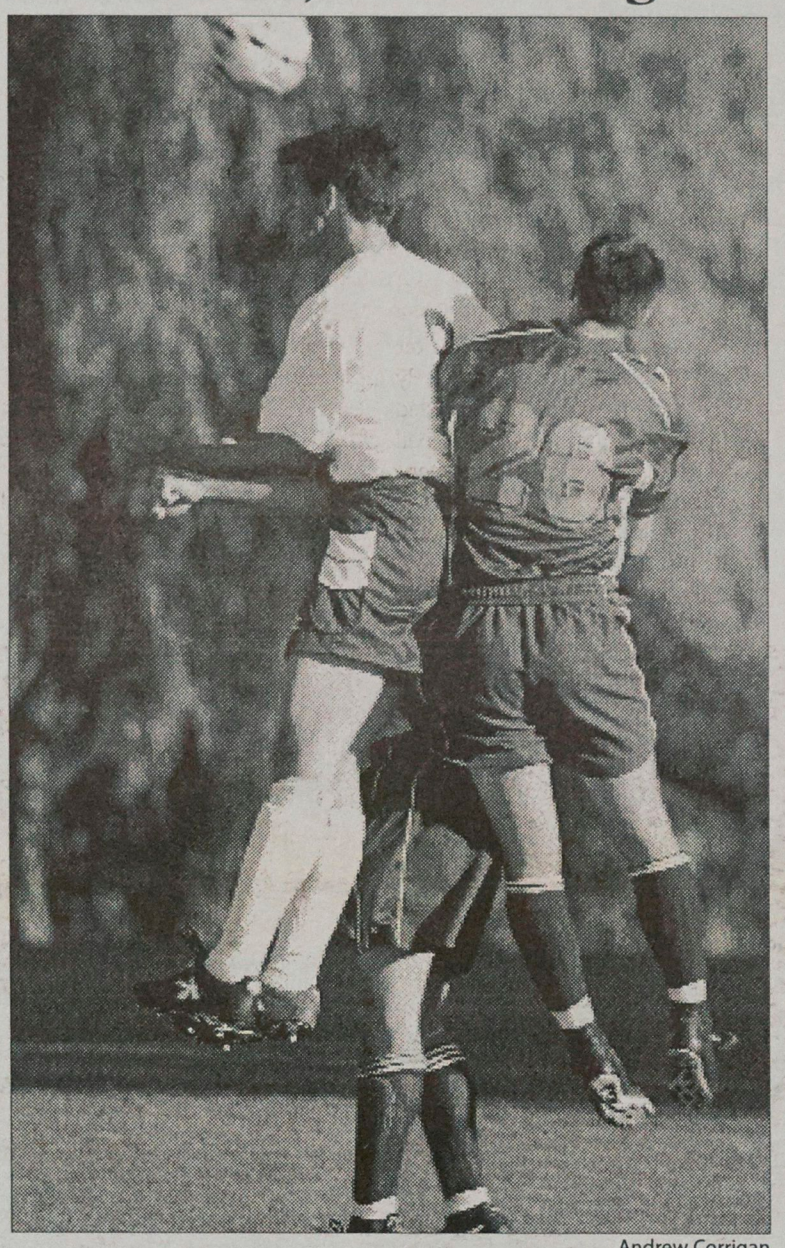
Sunday, October 15th

Middlebury	1
Bates	0

Last Wednesday, Middlebury took on in-state opponent Norwich at home in an afternoon game. The game progressed in a stalemate as neither team had any significant chances to speak of. Middlebury controlled play for the majority of the first half, forcing Norwich to play on their heels and defend.

The only drama on the Middlebury offensive end came in the form of a Brain Lavin '02 shot, which sailed high over an open Norwich goal. Towards the end of regulation, keeper Brian Hamm '02 was tested but was able to send the game into overtime.

Hamm again stood tall in OT with a key save that sparked a Middlebury counter-attack. Middlebury pushed downfield and Kyle Dezotell '03 slotted home the game winne, compliments of Lavin and Jahi Rohrer '01.



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Nelson Martelle '02 elevates and heads the ball away from two opponents.

The men then embarked on a weekend trip that included stops at Colby and Bates Colleges on consecutive days.

On Saturday the setting was the hot inland campus of Colby in Waterville, Maine. With temperatures reaching the 80s the two teams started the game off at a lethargic pace. Despite Colby's poor record in league play, they put in a solid effort, battling with Middlebury all game long. The lone goal of the match came off the foot of Sergey Cherednichenko '01, who was helped by the Colby keeper when he misplayed the in-swinging cross.

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Walsh takes on parents

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gize for getting too analytical there, (this is a sports column not an episode of Maury Povich) for those of you who just got confused.

My main point is that kids enjoy sports a lot more when they feel like they are playing for their own enjoyment. I have seen countless examples of kids whose parents go to every practice and every game, not to mention the hours of analysis that occur outside the sports arena. For me and I think for most people, this bombardment of criticism and analysis makes me feel like quitting sports altogether and taking up video games for a living.

Don't think that I am trying to say that parents should stay completely out of their kids' athletic lives. Oftentimes young athletes need a kick in the butt in order to reach their full potential. But there are limits and I just hope I will be able to enjoy my kid's sports games without wanting to wring someone's neck if the game doesn't go how I think it should.

Defense shuts out Williams en route to 7-0 win

Football's "bag of tricks" plays pivotal role in low-scoring game

By Eric Bundonis
Staff Writer

The Panther football team marched to its usual beat once again this past Saturday, using their defensive firepower and pulling a play out of their bag of tricks to defeat Williams, 7-0, for the first time in nearly a decade.

Football

Saturday, October 14th

Middlebury	7
Williams	0

It was the Panthers' first win against the premier team in the conference since 1992 and the first time the Ephs had been shut out at home since Middlebury defeated them 3-0 in 1992. As with Amherst a week earlier, the game was a test of wills, as the senior-laden Middlebury squad rose to the occasion to snuff out three separate Williams second-half drives.

In the first half, Middlebury played great defense but missed several to get on the board. After starting with poor field position, midway through the first quarter running back Bryan Sanchez '01 had a 35-yard dash which got Middlebury out of Eph territory. The Panthers then drove to the Williams' 19-yard line when the ball was thrown to Sanchez into triple coverage in the end zone, where it was intercepted.

Later in the second quarter, Middlebury forced two Williams turnovers that again gave them great field position but the offense could not produce a score. When Greg Kraczkowsky '02 blocked a Williams punt, the Panthers took over at the Eph 35-yard line but turned the ball over on downs after a fourth and 12 incomplete pass to Devon O'Neil '01.

As Middlebury went into their huddle, O'Neil stood incognito just inbounds while the Williams defense overlooked him. As quarterback Scott Roberts '02 took the snap, O'Neil was wide open and caught the pass.

Two plays into the Williams drive, Tab Howard '01 recovered a fumble and the Panthers drove down to the Williams 7-yard line, but missed a short field goal and another opportunity to gain the advantage. Going into the locker room, the Panthers were definitely optimistic because they dominated Williams on both sides of the ball but just couldn't capitalize on offensive opportunities.

After the Panther defense forced Williams to three-and-out their first possession of the second half, they got the ball back on the Eph 45-yard line, when they ran the 'lonely end' play. As Middlebury got into their huddle, O' Neil stood incognito just inbounds while the Williams defense overlooked him. As quarterback Scott Roberts '02 took the snap, O'Neil was wide open and caught the pass for a 46-yard score and a 7-0 Panther lead.

As expected, the Williams coaches protested, but to their dismay the referees agreed that it was a perfectly legal play.

For the rest of the game the Middlebury defense played up to form, as they hadn't allowed a single point in 10 quarters. Middlebury got two huge interceptions, the first from Pat Allen '02 and the second from Paul Shull '01, to end successive Eph drives of 13 and 10 plays that both got into the Panther red zone.

Shull nearly ran back his interception for a touchdown, gaining 42 yards after the catch to shift the momentum of the game back under Middlebury's control. With under five minutes to play, Williams again put together a great drive deep into Panther territory, but was unable to complete a pass and turned the ball over.

With less than two minutes to go, Sanchez, who ran the ball 31 times for 101 yards, scampered to an all-important first down that enabled Middlebury to run out the clock. Sanchez is averaging a NESCAC-leading 146.5 yards/game through the first half of the season.

Middlebury head coach Mickey Heinecken was pleased with his team's effort on Saturday, saying it was a test of wills and that the Panthers had more heart than the Ephs. He was impressed with the defensive intensity, especially later in the game when Middlebury stopped the three Eph drives, but was a little disappointed because of failed offensive opportunities, noting that on four separate occasions the Panthers

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Last week's NESCAC player of the week, Leah Cumsky-Whitlock '03 dribbles through the ranks of Norwich defenders en route to a Middlebury victory.

Women maintain hold on NESCAC soccer lead

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NESCAC."

Boettcher was pleased to see reserve goalie Jessica Larson '04 get playing time against Norwich and Colby, stating that varsity-level experience benefits both her and the team.

She also stressed the ability and play of the Middlebury midfield, in these games pointing out the passing of Haley Holmer '02 to Britt Kittelsen '03, who Boettcher believes has great speed and perception of the game.

"Against Norwich, we just could not put the ball in the back of the net," said co-captain Fiedler.

"We practiced shooting and finishing after that [for the Colby game.] Usually Colby gives us a good run, we thought they would be a real challenge. We stepped up, and didn't get cocky."

On Tuesday night, the Panthers visited Skidmore College in an evening game on the Thoroughbreds' AstroTurf field.

They close out the regular season this Saturday at home against NESCAC opponent Trinity.

With Trinity needing a win against Middlebury to make the NESCAC playoffs, according to Boettcher, "they'll be gunning for us." Look for Middlebury to come out firing against Trinity as they prepare for the NESCAC Championships, which begin Oct. 24.

Sports parents

By Michael Walsh-Ellis
Staff Writer

As a male who has played sports for the bulk of my life, I often wonder what sports my children will be interested in. Most of my athletic skill comes from what my dad taught me on the ice, the tennis court and the baseball field. I, in turn, look forward to teaching my son how to play and compete in these sports. I have always appreciated the fact that my dad never tried to fulfill his athletic aspirations through me. Instead, he has remained, for the most part, an active observer.

I was lucky to have benefited from a wise teacher. Recently, I have noticed that parents have been playing a very detrimental role in the lives of their children. One could always tell in school that there were a few parents who were a little too obsessive about the athletic careers of their children. This summer I heard a story that takes this obsession to a completely new level.

Around Boston it is common to have summer hockey leagues for kids. Reading, Mass., has always been a breeding ground for great hockey players and thus some local parents are quite intense about the sport. This past summer, during a game played by 10- and 11-year old children, two hockey fathers got into a fight in the stands, which resulted in the death of one parent and the conviction of the other.

Thomas Junta, a 275-pound father from Reading, complained to Michael Costin, a 150-pound father of three, that his kids were playing too rough. Children under 13 years play without checking but, from personal experience, it is impossible to avoid making some contact. Junta and Costin proceeded to the team's bench where they began fighting. In the end, Junta had beaten Costin unconscious. He was pronounced dead a day later. This incident most likely ruined the love of hockey for every player involved in that game.

I admit that my example of how parents can hurt their children by being overly involved in their child's sports is a tad extreme. However, it does illustrate the fact that even when a parent thinks their influence is positive, the child often feels intimidated and will end up hating competitive sports all together. I apolo-

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Volleyball serves up four big wins, clinches top NESCAC seed

By Bob Wainwright
Sports Editor

This weekend marked a crucial turning point in the women's volleyball season. Middlebury's annual NESCAC Quad features Amherst, Williams, Tufts and Hamilton, in addition to the Panthers, thus creating an intense field of competition.

After having compiled a 10-4 record, Middlebury entered the Quad seeded fourth in the league. However, after two days and four incredible wins, the team managed to clinch its first ever number one seed entering the NESCAC championship to be held at Bowdoin on November 3 and 4.

Middlebury's first match on Friday evening happened to be its toughest as well. "We definitely thought going in that Amherst would be our toughest opponent," said Coach Sarah Raunecker '92, who led the team to its first NCAA Tournament appearance back in 1998.

She was right. After having not played each other in two years, the Amherst-Middlebury game proved to be the most exciting of the tournament, with the Panthers emerging victorious, 3 games to 2 (15-11, 16-14, 11-15, 10-15, 16-14). Senior co-captain Leslie Edwards led the charge with 22 kills in the five-game match, a magnificent feat.

Women's Volleyball

Friday, October 13th

Middlebury	3
Amherst	2

Saturday, October 14th

Middlebury	3
Tufts	1

While getting by Amherst was certainly a relief for Middlebury, the team understood that its path towards an undefeated weekend was in no way clear. The second match, which took place on Saturday morning against Tufts, almost became a grinder when Middlebury dropped the second game, 7-15.

Women's Volleyball

Saturday, October 14th

Middlebury	3
Williams	2

Saturday, October 14th

Middlebury	3
Hamilton	0

Not surprisingly, however, the entire team rose to the challenge and closed out its second win, 3-1. Edwards once again led the team in kills with 19, while Evan Kanaly '03 and Rachel Faraone '02 provided 12 and 10, respectively.

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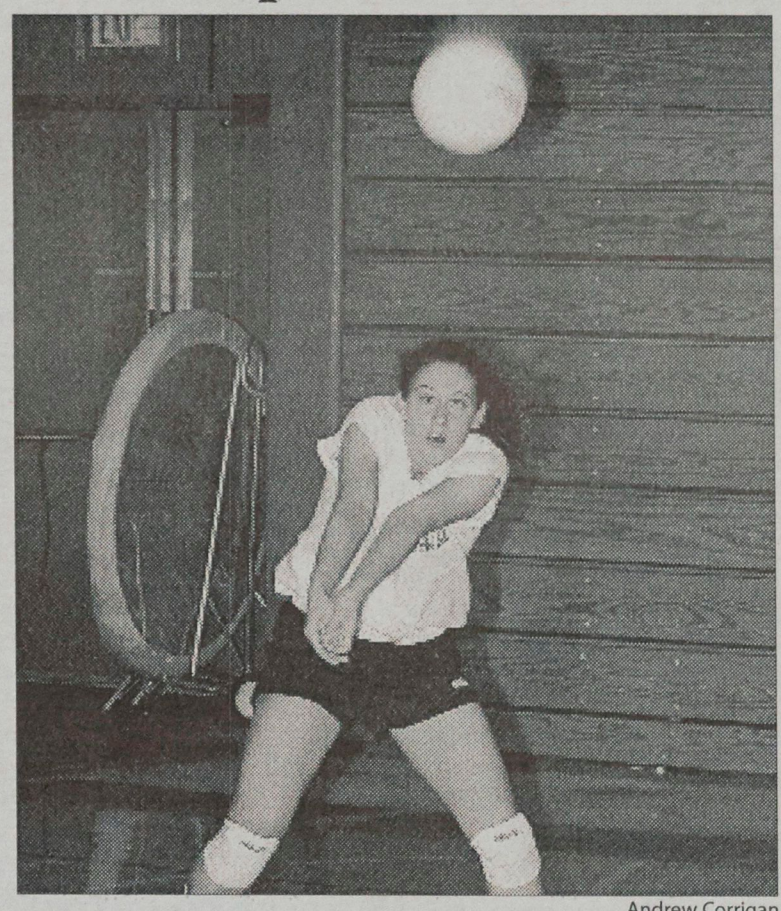
The Panthers' third match, against Williams, turned out to be a wild one, to say the least. In the first two games, it hardly looked to be a contest, as Middlebury won the first, 15-3, and then bageled the Ephs, 15-0, in the second game. Yet Williams seemed to derive some sort of burning desire from their astonishing deficit, as they quickly tied up the match winning the next two games 15-7 and 15-3. As is seemingly always the case, the fifth and deciding game was a tight one, which Middlebury managed to pull out, 15-13.

The Panthers then capitalized on their momentum to help them breeze through their final match against Hamilton that afternoon, 3-1 (15-13, 15-11, 15-1). The Hamilton win, although the easiest victory of the four, was a big one, for it clinched the team's top seed in the upcoming league championship. Although Middlebury won the NESCAC championship in 1997 and 1998, they have never been the top seed.

According to Coach Raunecker, "It [this weekend's tournament] was huge. We were fourth going in and we come out on top.... The seeding definitely helps. There are some teams though that really want to beat us now." Raunecker mentioned that six teams are contenders. Among them are Bates, which Middlebury has both beaten and lost to, and Williams, a team which Middlebury plays again today.

Kellie Jensen '02, who averaged two digs per game over the weekend, commented on how the Panthers plan to prepare for the Williams rematch. "I think Williams will be fired up to play us, but at the same time, I know we'll be ready for them. Whenever we have a good time, we play better and communicate better."



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The women's volleyball team held the NESCAC Quad meet at Pepin Gymnasium this past weekend with Middlebury placing first.

Following the weekend's play, co-captain Leslie Edwards was honored by the NESCAC as its player of the week. Edwards joined men's soccer goalie Brian Hamm as the second Middlebury player to be so honored this week and the fourth in the last three weeks. It is Edwards' third time winning the award.

Edwards averaged 4.2 kills per game and she currently leads the team in kills (3.62/game) and blocks (1.13/game). "I think we really gelled this weekend," Edwards explained. "We surprised ourselves how well we did." Edwards also gave credit to the first-years who she said "stepped it up" and to the team's center, Katie Kenney '03, who she believes needs more recognition from the league.

Coach Raunecker, however, did not shy away from complementing her star player. "She was great this weekend," Raunecker said of Edwards. "Absolutely unstoppable."

Women's soccer vanquishes two more

By Michael Hartt
Staff Writer

With two more wins this past week, the Middlebury women's soccer team moved to 11-1 behind stellar defensive efforts and two explosive offensive performances.

Women's Soccer

Wednesday, October 11th

Norwich	0
Middlebury	4

Saturday, October 14th

Middlebury	6
Colby	0

The Panthers' two victories moved them to the number 10 ranking in the country in the latest NSCAA poll and allowed them to maintain their claim to first place in the NESCAC.

In a midweek non-conference game, the Panthers, eager to maintain momentum following up on victories over conference rivals Williams and Amherst, hosted in-state rival Norwich University.

Middlebury started the game strongly and refused to let up, earning a 4-0 win over the Cadets.

Anna Gayman '03 scored first for the Panthers to earn the game-winner, while goals by Amanda Fiedler '01, Michaela Dietz '04 and Caitlin Ryan '02 determined the final margin. Middlebury forced the Cadets' goalie to make 19 saves, as the Norwich defense was largely unable to stop the Panther attack.

Norwich, being a military college, would at first glance be very defense-minded like America's military, but Middlebury adeptly revealed the discrepancy.

On the other end, Middlebury's goaltending duo of Ali Connolly '02 and Jessica Larson '04 combined to earn a shutout, albeit by garnering one save between them.

The Middlebury defense stifled any attempts at offense Norwich could muster, controlling play for much of the game and rarely letting the visitors earn scoring attempts in the Middlebury end.

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On Saturday, Middlebury traveled to NESCAC rival Colby College eager to improve. The Panthers dominated the White Mules, earning a 6-0 win to improve their league record to 7-1; the loss dropped Colby to 7-5 (4-4 in the NESCAC).

Middlebury started the scoring early, as Haley Holmer '02 tallied just four minutes into the game for a 1-0 lead. Seven minutes later Suzanne Caruso '02 put Middlebury up 2-0, while goals by Gayman and Jessica Peterson '04 gave the Panthers a comfortable 4-0 halftime lead.

In the second half, Middlebury continued to control the ball, and added to the lead behind goals by Britt Kittelsen '03 and Meg Bonney '03 for the final margin of 6-0.

Middlebury out-shot the White Mules 23-9; again Connolly and Larson made only one save to earn the combined shutout win.

Middlebury coach Diane Boettcher commented that both games were "total team efforts." She explained that the Panthers "do not drop off when the subs go in... We are very healthy and in a positive frame of mind. [The team] is very proud of the possession style, and proud that we have the best backfield in the

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Ellie Wendell '02 advances the ball upfield during the Norwich game.